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FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON,

On Wednesday, May 15th, to Sunday, May 19th,

1867.

FAYETTEVILLE:

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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY.

The Convention of 1866, held at Newbern, adjourned to meet in Special Session at Goldsboro', on the third Wednesday in November 1866, for the purpose of electing an Assistant Bishop. Previous to that time Bishop Atkinson, then in England, wrote to the Diocese that his health was so improved that he did not think his case one for which the Canon of the General Convention allowed the appointment of an Assistant.

Acting on this information, the Chairman of the Standing Committee published a letter recommending that the Convention should not meet according to adjournment, and the adjourned session was not held.

LIST OF CLERGY,
IN THE DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA, ENTITLED TO SEATS IN
THE CONVENTION OF 1867.

- *Rev. THOS. ATKINSON, D.D., Bishop, *ex officio* President of the Convention, Wilmington.
- Rev. R. W. BARBER, Missionary in Wilkes and Iredell Counties. Post Office, Statesville.
- Rev. SAM'L S. BARBER, Deacon, Assistant to Rev. G. B. Wetmore, Rowan County. Post Office, Salisbury.
- *Rev. ANGELO A. BENTON, Rector of St. Timothy's Church, Wilson.
- *Rev. CHAS. T. BLAND, Rector of Calvary Church, Wadesboro'.
- *Rev. B. S. BRONSON, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charlotte.
- Rev. JARVIS BUXTON, Rector of Trinity Church, Asheville.
- *Rev. Jos. B. CHESHIRE, D.D., Rector of Calvary Church, Tarboro', and Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
- *Rev. MOSES A. CURTIS, D.D., Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro'.
- *Rev. LUTHER EBORN, Deacon, Missionary in Beaufort County. P. O., Washington.
- Rev. GEO. M. EVERHART, Rector of Calvary Church, Henderson County, and St. James's Church, Hendersonville. Post Office, Shufordsville, N. C., *via* Greenville, S. C.
- *Rev. EDWARD M. FORBES, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.
- *Rev. EDWIN GEER, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.
- Rev. WM. B. GORDON, Deacon, Assistant Minister, Christ Church, Newbern.
- *Rev. ISRAEL HARDING, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Bath.
- *Rev. THOS. B. HAUGHTON, Deacon, Missionary in Washington County. Post Office, Plymouth.
- Rev. THOS. G. HAUGHTON.
- *Rev. FRANCIS W. HILLIARD, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- Rev. HORACE G. HILTON, Deacon, Assistant Minister, St. Thomas's, Bath.
- *Rev. WM. HODGES, D.D., Rector of Emanuel Church, Warrenton.
- *Rev. LUCIEN HOLMES, Deacon, Haywood.
- *Rev. F. M. HUBBARD, D.D., Professor in the University of N. C., Chapel Hill.
- *Rev. N. COLLIN HUGHES, Rector of Trinity Church, Beaufort County. Post Office, Washington.
- *Rev. WM. C. HUNTER, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Goldsboro'.
- *Rev. Jos. C. HUSKE, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
- *Rev. RICH'D H. JONES, Deacon, Wilmington.
- *Rev. S. W. KENNERLY, St. John's Parish, Pitt County. P. O., Kinston.
- Rev. FREDERIC J. LIGHTBOURN.
- *Rev. MATHIAS M. MARSHALL, Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
- *Rev. RICH'D S. MASON, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh.
- *Rev. DANIEL MORRELLE, St. Paul's Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. THOS. S. W. MOTT, Catawba County. P. O., Charlotte, care John Wilkes.

- Rev. Jos. W. MURPHY.
- *Rev. GEORGE PATTERSON, Assistant Minister, St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. GERARD W. PHELPS, Deacon, in charge of St. Mary's Church, Gatesville.
- Rev. Jos. J. RIDLEY, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Louisburg.
- *Rev. HENRY A. SKINNER, Assistant Minister, Christ Church, Newbern.
- *Rev. ALDERT SMEDES, D.D., Rector of St. Mary's School, Raleigh.
- Rev. BENNET SMEDES, Assistant at St. Mary's School.
- *Rev. WM. E. SNOWDEN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Beaufort.
- *Rev. ROB'T B. SUTTON, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro', and St. Mark's Church, Deep River.
- Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, Oxford.
- *Rev. ROB'T E. TERRY, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. P. D. THOMPSON, Rector of Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.
- *Rev. JOHN H. TILLINGHAST, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
- Rev. D. D. VAN ANTWERP.
- *Rev. MAURICE H. VAUGHAN, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.
- *Rev. ALFRED A. WATSON, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- *Rev. GEO. B. WETMORE, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Mocksville. Post Office, Salisbury.
- *Rev. WM. R. WETMORE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton, and Church of the Redeemer, Shelby.

Those marked thus [*] were present.

LAY DELEGATES.

DELEGATES.

ALTERNATES.

TRINITY CHURCH, ASHEVILLE.

J. L. Bailey.	*T. W. Patton.
N. W. Woodfin.	A. H. Polk.
*R. W. Pulliam.	
*J. G. Martin.	

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BEAUFORT.

Henry Rieger.	David W. Dill.
A. C. Davis.	J. H. Davis, Jr.
Isaac Ramsey.	J. A. Hedrick.
*B. L. Perry, Jr.	*Dennard Rumley.

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Daniel M. Barringer.	George W. Mordecai.
*Kemp P. Battle.	Wm. E. Anderson.
*Wm. R. Cox.	R. H. Battle, Jr.
Seaton Gales.	Thos. D. Hogg.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

Wm. Murphy.
*J. M. Coffin.
M. W. Jarvis.
*Stephen F. Lord.

ZION CHAPEL, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

H. L. Harvey.	N. O. Eborn.
O. H. P. Tankard.	J. W. L. Harvey.
C. H. Cutler.	Alanson Aligood.
J. W. North.	J. J. Cutler.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

*Robert W. Joyner.	Richard Williams.
Wm. J. Foreman.	Edgar A. Price.
T. C. Singeltary.	
W. M. B. Brown.	

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHARLOTTE.

*John Wilkes.
*W. A. Williams.
W. R. Myers.
W. F. Davidson.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Charles T. Haigh.	*Wm. J. Anderson.
*C. B. Mallett.	James Kyle.
*W. N. Tillinghast.	T. D. Haigh.
*Theophilus H. Holmes.	P. A. Wiley.

CALVARY CHURCH, TARBORO.

Russell Chapman.	*E. D. MacNair.
Matthew Weddell.	J. H. Bowditch.
R. T. Hoskins.	Wm. M. Pippen.
N. J. Pittman.	

DELEGATES.

ALTERNATES.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Thos. D. Warren.	Ed. Wood.
Wm. A. B. Noreom.	Geo. H. Coke.
S. H. Hackett.	L. P. Warren.
Aug. M. Moore.	Thos. C. Badham..

TRINITY CHURCH, SCOTLAND NECK.

*Richard H. Smith.	A. S. Hall.
Peter E. Smith.	John Y. Savage.
P. M. Edmondston.	J. J. Bishop.
Richard H. Smith, Jr.	Wm. H. Shields.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

*S. J. Person.	*John L. Holmes.
*S. L. Fremont.	Charles D. Myers.
*James A. Willard.	Thomas Evans.
*John E. Lippitt.	William Smith.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

William F. Martin.	Frank Vaughan.
William H. Clark.	R. B. Creecy.
R. Piemont.	W. W. Griffin.
William A. Harvey.	D. B. Bradford.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, GOLDSBORO'.

*George V. Strong.	James A. Washington
G. W. Collier.	B. V. L. Hutton.
*M. K. Crawford.	Harrod Dorch.
*R. T. Fulghum.	Jesse Edmundson.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

*A. J. DeRosset.	W. G. Thomas.
*R. Strange.	*Z. Latimer.
*A. H. VanBokkelin.	James Anderson.

*J. G. Burr.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBORO'.

Thomas Ruffin.
James Webb.
Frank Waddell.
*Thomas B. Hill.

TRINITY CHURCH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Henry Harding.	*J. J. Laughinghouse.
Nathaniel Harding.	
*Benj'n P. Winfield.	
E. S. Laughinghouse.	

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DURHAM'S CREEK.

Charles W. Crawford.	H. J. Butt.
Gilbert Hale.	W. J. Archbell.
Jesse J. Robinson.	Charles D. Crawford.
C. W. Bonner.	Isaiah D. Cutler.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Henry Downing.	Samuel B. Johnston.
L. Chesson.	John W. Gaylord.
John B. Chesson.	

GRACE CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

Franklin F. Fagan.	Stewart L. Johnston
Benj'n M. Walker.	Stewart Armistead.
Levi J. Fagan.	

DELEGATES.

ALTERNATES.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, WILLIAMSTON.

Joseph M. Siterson.
Wilson G. Lamb, Jr.
Francis A. Boyle.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH, PITTS COUNTY.

*Jesse Noble.	Fred. Harding.
William H. Smith.	Allen Wooten.
Silvester Cox.	Levi Mewborne.
Calvin Cox.	Lemuel H. Mewborne.

EMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON.

Peter R. Davis.	T. E. Wilson.
Thomas A. Montgomery.	William J. White.
Ed. H. Plumner.	John T. Williams.
Samuel P. Arrington.	Kemp Plummer.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, BATH.

Joseph Bonner.	William R. Boyd.
William Gaylord.	John J. Rowland.
G. W. Oden	J. H. Pilly.
John H. Archbell.	

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Thomas H. Blount.	Thoms M. Robinson.
William E. Demill.	James R. Grist.
T. H. B. Myers.	John G. Blount.
J. G. Bragaw.	S. T. Wright.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Jacob Gooding	Henry R. Bryan.
*John Hughes.	C. W. McLean.
William H. Oliver.	William P. Moore.
Daniel T. Caraway.	P. E. Hines.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CLINTON.

A. A. McKoy.
Almand Holmes.
John Hill.
*J. A. Ferrell.

ST. MARK'S PARISH, DEEP RIVER.

R. G. Frazier.
L. J. Haughton.
Brooks Harris.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, CHAPEL HILL.

*William H. Battle.
*C. P. Mallett.
R. B. Saunders.
M. Fetter.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBORO².

John H. Haughton.
Thomas Hill.
*Henry A. London.
C. B. Denson.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

*William A. Williams.
*Robert B. Wood.
Thomas H. Howey.
*DuBrutz Cutlar.

DELEGATES.

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH, WILSON.

ALTERNATES.

*A. Treadwell.
Josiah Blackwell.
W. L. Kennedy.

Those marked thus [*] were present.

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WILMINGTON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1867.

The Fifty-first Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North Carolina met in St. James's Church, at 10 o'clock A. M., as appointed by the last Convention.

The Bishop of the Diocese took the Chair, and opened the Convention with prayer.

The Roll of the Clergy was called. The Clergymen present were:

Rev. A. A. BENTON.	Rev. WM. C. HUNTER.
Rev. C. T. BLAND.	Rev. J. C. HUSKE.
Rev. B. S. BRONSON.	Rev. R. H. JONES.
Rev. J. B. CHESHIRE, D.D.	Rev. S. W. KENNERLY.
Rev. M. A. CURTIS, D.D.	Rev. M. M. MARSHALL.
Rev. LUTHER EBORN.	Rev. DAN'L MORRELLE.
Rev. E. M. FORBES.	Rev. GEO. PATTERSON.
Rev. EDWIN GEER.	Rev. H. A. SKINNER.
Rev. ISRAEL HARDING.	Rev. R. E. TERRY.
Rev. T. B. HAUGHTON.	Rev. J. H. TILLINGLAST.
Rev. F. W. HILLIARD.	Rev. M. H. VAUGHAN.
Rev. WM. HODGES, D.D.	Rev. A. A. WATSON.
Rev. LUCIEN HOLMES.	Rev. GEO. B. WETMORE.
Rev. F. M. HUBBARD, D.D.	Rev. W. R. WETMORE.
Rev. N. C. HUGHES.	

The Roll of Lay Delegates was called, and the following were present, representing thirteen Parishes, viz: B. L. Perry, Jr., Stephen F. Lord, John Wilkes, W. A. Williams, J. G. Martin, C. B. Mallett, W. N. Tillinghast, Theophilus H. Holmes, Rich'd H. Smith, S. J. Person, S. L. Fremont, James A. Willard, R. T. Fulghum, A. J. DeRosset, A. H. VanBokkelin, Thomas B. Hill, Benj'n P. Winfield, Jesse Noble, John Hughes and J. M. Coffin.

The Secretary reported that 29 Clergymen, and Delegates from 13 Parishes, were present, constituting a quorum.

The Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M., for Divine Service.

Divine Service was celebrated. Rev. George Patterson preached the sermon from I Cor., xiv: 8: "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound; who shall prepare himself to the battle?" The Communion was administered by the Bishop to the Clergy, and by Rev. Drs. Curtis and Hubbard, and Rev. Messrs. Watson and Skinner, to the Laity.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Messrs. J. A. Ferrell, D. Rumley and Z. Latimer, Lay Delegates, took their seats.

On motion of A. J. DeRosset, the Convention proceeded to elect a President. On the first ballot there was no election. Rev. F. W. Hilliard moved that the election be made *viva voce*. The motion was lost. On the second ballot, Rev. Rich'd S. Mason, D.D., was elected.

On motion, W. N. Tillinghast was elected Secretary.

The Bishop announced the regular Committees, as follows:

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH—Rev. Edwin Geer, Rev. N. C. Hughes. Rev. J. B. Cheshire. D.D., S. L. Fremont, J. M. Coffin.

FINANCE—A. J. DeRosset, S. J. Person, R. H. Smith, C. P. Mallett, W. A. Williams.

CANONS—Rev. W. Hodges, D.D., Rev. J. C. Huske, Rev. G. B. Wetmore, John Hughes, T. B. Hill.

ELECTIONS—Rev. M. H. Vaughan, Rev. Israel Harding, Theophilus H. Holmes.

NEW PARISHES—Rev. W. C. Hunter, Rev. J. H. Tillinghast, James A. Willard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Rev. W. R. Wetmore, Rev. R. E. Terry, Jesse Noble.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Hilliard.

Resolved, 1st. That a Special Committee of seven be appointed by the Chair, to take into consideration the whole subject of the Missionary work of the Dio-

ee, to which shall be referred, when presented, the Report of the Executive Missionary Committee, the Report of the Treasurer, so far as it relates to Diocesan Missions, and all other papers connected with the general subject entrusted to them, which may be brought before this Convention.

2d. That this Committee be instructed to report as soon as possible, that time may be given for the discussion of any propositions submitted by them, and that such part of their Report as relates to questions of finance may, according to the provisions of Canon XI, be referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration, before the final action upon it by the Convention.

The Chair appointed Rev. Messrs. Hilliard, Forbes, Huske and Bronson, and Messrs. Martin, Latimer and Ferrell, on this Committee.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Curtis.

Resolved, That when the Convention rises on to-morrow afternoon, it shall adjourn until 4 o'clock P. M. of Friday, to allow the members of Convention to attend the consecration of St. John's Church.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Convention was read:

In making his Annual Report, the Treasurer has again to call the attention of the Convention to the unsatisfactory state of its finances. The receipts have been larger than for the year ending May 1866, but still not sufficient to meet the obligations of the Diocese since the Convention of 1865. I have paid to the Bishop only \$1,800 28, leaving his salary in arrears \$3,199 72. During the same period the payments on account of Diocesan Missions have been far below the actual needs of the Committee. This should not be, and I would respectfully and earnestly urge upon the Clergy and Laity the great necessity of paying up the assessments overdue, and making provision for the prompt payment of those to come. In this connection, I submit to the Convention a statement in tabular form, showing the number of Communicants in each Parish, as reported in the Journal of 1866; the total assessments; the *pro rata* assessment, and the amount in arrears for payments due at last Convention. By it one can easily see how unequal and arbitrary these assessments are, and to this fact much of the defalcation is to be attributed, in my opinion. I would suggest that a regular rate of assessment shall be established for each Communicant, and that the assessments upon each Parish should be based on that amount; this Parish assessment to be increased or decreased as the Finance Committee shall see proper. No increase to be made without consulting the Lay Delegates from the Parish.

The securities belonging to the Permanent Episcopal Fund have been received from the former Treasurer. They consisted of 48 shares of stock in the Bank of Cape Fear, and \$9,500 in N. C. bonds. Under the authority given by the last Convention, I have disposed of the N. C. bonds, and have the proceeds, \$5,526 50, placed at 10 per cent. interest, with undoubted personal security to the note. This, however, is only a temporary investment, and I would ask instructions from the Convention in regard to the class of permanent securities this Fund shall now be invested in.

In order to place the Episcopate beyond all the uncertainties of receipts from annual assessments, I would propose that a subscription be taken up for the

purpose of increasing this Fund to \$30,000. This would at once place that part of our obligations beyond the uncertainty of payments by the Parishes—an uncertainty that can be noted in the reports of the Treasurer for years past.

Since the last Convention there has been received and paid as follows:

Fund for Episcopate and Contingent Expenses—

On hand at last Convention.....	\$ 6 00
Assessments due at last Convention, paid.....	1213 50
“ “ at present Convention, “	307 64
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	\$1527 14

Payments to Bishop.....\$836 74

Contingent Expenses.....	760 83
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	\$1606 57

Missionary Fund—

On hand at last Convention.....	\$ 534 15
Assessments due at last Convention, paid.....	1295 49
Donations.....	125 00
Assessment due at present Convention, paid.....	332 60
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	\$2287 24

Payments by order of Missionary Committee.....\$2175 00

Relief Fund—

On hand at last Convention.....	\$ 150 00
Assessments due at last Convention, paid.....	306 01
“ “ at present Convention, paid.....	27 36
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	\$483 37
Paid to Beneficiaries.....	<hr/>
	\$ 250 00

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN WILKES, Treasurer.

[For the Treasurer's Accounts, see Appendix.]

On motion of Rev. F. W. Hilliard,

Resolved, That so much of the Treasurer's Report as does not refer to the subject of Diocesan Missions be referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow—the session to be opened with Morning Prayer.

Divine Service was celebrated in the evening. Rev. Dr. Cheshire preached the sermon, from Heb. xiii: 15 and 16: “By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”

THURSDAY, MAY 16—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was offered up.

On calling the Roll, the following members of Convention, in addition to those present yesterday, answered, viz: Rev. R. S. Mason, D.D., Rev. A. Smedes, D.D., Rev. W. E. Snowden, Rev. R. B. Sutton, Kemp P. Battle, Wm. R. Cox, John E. Lippitt, J. G. Burr, W. H. Battle and C. P. Mallett.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Rev. F. W. Hilliard moved that the Minutes be amended by inserting the names of all the Clergymen who took part in the religious services, and that the Secretary be instructed to do so on all occasions hereafter. The motion did not prevail. On motion, the Minutes were accepted.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address:

DEAR BRETHREN:

Unable, from infirm health, to meet you last year, it gives me unusual pleasure to see again around me my beloved fellow-laborers in the great work of building up Christ's Church in this extensive Diocese, whose future is, I think, full of hope, although it be for the present impoverished and enfeebled. The generous love of many friends in the Diocese, and of some without it, enabled me last summer to seek the restoration of my shattered health, by a voyage to Europe. I reached England in June and returned to this country in December. My tour was extremely pleasant as well as useful to me. I was accompanied by Mrs. Atkinson, and I met with so kind and cordial a reception from the Clergy and Laity of the Church in the British Islands, and from my acquaintances in Paris, as that I should be most ungrateful ever to forget it. The fraternal feeling of the Church of England towards our own Church was never so warm and never so universal as at present; and in this, as in all other things, it finds a most worthy representative in its honored Primate, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Even before I had made his ac-

quaintance, he wrote to ask me to take part in the consecration of some of the Colonial Bishops, and although, being in France at the time, I could not avail myself of the offer, yet on a subsequent occasion he renewed it to my beloved brother the Bishop of Illinois, who had it in his power to accept it, and thus to bind more closely together these two great and kindred communions. And within a few weeks, the Arch-Bishop, at the instance of the Convocation of his Province, has addressed to all the American, as well as the Colonial Bishops, an affectionate invitation to meet those of the British Churches in a Synod to be held in London in September next. At the Church Congress in York, in last October, which was attended by the Bishops of Illinois, Pennsylvania and myself, there was every possible manifestation of affectionate interest in the American Church as represented by us. And I trust that I shall not appear to show ingratitude or forgetfulness towards other dear friends and brethren, when I especially mention the honored name of the Bishop of Oxford, as one whose large heart and warm Christian sympathies cannot be shut in by nationality and distinct Ecclesiastical organization, but overflow towards all who belong to the Church of Christ, and especially to that branch of it which has attained such vigorous growth on these shores. And I may add, that one chief source of the pleasure I derived from my visit to England, was found in witnessing the life and power and progress of the Church in that country; in observing its success in winning back to its fold that part of the population which had strayed from it; in multiplying and adorning its houses of worship; in enlarging its charities and extending its missions. Never indeed, in its entire history, has the Church of England exhibited such vitality and such vigor as animate it at present. The number of new Churches is not only absolutely greater than with us, but even relatively, at least not much less. As one instance, though to be sure an extraordinary one, I may mention that the Vicar of Kensington told me that whereas when he took charge of his district some twenty years ago, there was but one Church

in it, now there are nineteen. It is hardly to be hoped that in any city in the United States has this growth been equalled, certainly it has not been in any that I am acquainted with. I found too in Scotland striking evidence of the softening of the prejudices which have, for centuries, obstructed the progress of the Episcopal Church in that country, and of its consequent accelerated growth. I was surprised to learn, on good authority, that three-fifths of the soil of Scotland was owned by members of that Church.

While at the laying of the corner-stone of the Cathedral in Inverness, a most solemn service, appropriately performed by the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, in which he visibly sealed the closer union between the powerful and prosperous Church of England and its long-oppressed sister in Scotland—a service in which it was my privilege, as a Bishop of the American Church, to take part—a service for which he was censured by some silly people, but for which he received the thanks and praise of the great body both of the Church of England and of Scotland,—at that solemn service the whole population of the city seemed to turn out to take part in it, or to witness it with respectful interest; and yet, as the Bishop of the Diocese told me, twelve or fourteen years ago the procession would very probably have been stoned as it moved through the streets.

Finding my health much improved, and knowing that I was greatly needed at home, especially in this season of distress and anxiety, I returned to America in December, and reached this city on the night before Christmas.

1867, January 23d, I buried a person in Wilmington.

27th, I preached twice in Christ Church, Raleigh, administered the Communion and confirmed nine persons.

28th, I preached in St. Mary's Chapel, Raleigh, and confirmed six of the pupils of the School.

Feb'y 10th, at St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, I baptized two colored children, and on the 17th, another; and on the 20th, married a couple of colored persons.

23d and 24th, I preached twice in Fayetteville and confirmed thirteen persons.

March 3d, I preached at St. James's, Wilmington, and confirmed twenty-four persons.

4th, I baptized five children in the neighborhood of Wilmington.

6th, at Goldsboro', I preached in the morning, and the Rev. D. H. Buel, of Cooperstown, New York, in the evening. I also administered the Communion and confirmed five persons.

8th, I preached at Kinston and administered the Holy Communion.

9th, I preached at Christ Church, Newbern, and confirmed thirty-seven persons.

10th, in the morning, at the same Church, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Buel and the Rev. H. A. Skinner, I admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons William Baker Gordon, who was presented by the Rev. Mr. Forbes. On this occasion I preached the sermon.

In the evening, at St. Cyprian's Church, in the same town, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Forbes, I confirmed thirty-one colored persons, the fruits, under God, of the zealous and active ministry of the Rev. Mr. Skinner.

March 11, at Christ Church, I confirmed eight persons more, four white being members of that congregation, and four colored, members of St. Cyprian's. Altogether, I confirmed in Newbern seventy-six persons, a number much larger than I had ever known before to offer themselves for that Holy Ordinance in the community to which they belonged, and giving evidence of the diligence and faithfulness of the Rev. Mr. Forbes and his fellow-laborer Mr. Skinner. I was gratified also by visiting one of the schools for colored children, under the care of Mr. Skinner, assisted by teachers whose self-denying labors must be admired, one would think, by all who witness them and watch their results. What Christian can deny that our colored population should be taught the Gospel, and what Churchman can doubt that the Gospel is best taught in and by the Church? And what patriot can oppose measures tending to bind together by kindness, and benefits, and good offices, what, without such

healing influences, may prove the discordant elements of our Southern population? I feel myself that the Freedman's Commission, established unanimously by our Board of Missions, and by both Houses of the General Convention, is one of the most beneficent agencies of our American Church, and bears strong testimony to the christianity, the charity and the foresighted wisdom of our spiritual mother.

12th, I preached at Beaufort, baptized two infants and confirmed four persons.

15th, I preached at Pugh's Chapel, in Pitt County, confirmed thirteen persons and administered the Holy Communion.

17th, in Washington, I preached, confirmed seven persons and administered the Communion.

18th, at Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County, I preached, confirmed seventeen persons and administered the Communion.

On the evening of the same day, at a private house in Beaufort County, I confirmed and received to the Communion a sick person.

19th, I went to Zion Church, in the same County, but found no congregation, the weather having been for more than a fortnight, and continuing to be for several weeks longer, extremely inclement. On the

20th, however, at St. Thomas's Church, Bath, I found a congregation, to whom I preached, and of whom I confirmed seven persons.

21st, at St. John's, Durham's Creek, I found a very small congregation, to whom I preached and confirmed three persons.

22d, at Mr. Charles Crawford's, I baptized an adult and confirmed two persons.

I had intended continuing my journey to Middleton, in Hyde County, but the roads in that direction had become, I was informed, impassable to a vehicle, and the weather prevented congregations from assembling. I therefore returned to Washington, where I preached again on the 23d, on a very rainy evening to a small congregation.

24th, I admitted, in Trinity Church, Beaufort County, to the Order of Deacons, Horace Gray Hilton, presented by the Rev. Mr. Harding. I preached the sermon.

25th, I again went to Zion Church, and on this occasion found a congregation, to whom I preached, confirming one person and administering the Communion.

In the same evening, at their request, I preached to the African Methodist congregation in Washington.

27th, at Plymouth, I preached, confirmed seven persons and administered the Communion.

Washington and Plymouth are the two places in this State which have suffered most from the war. In Washington, about two-thirds of the town, including the Church, have been burned down. In Plymouth, the Church remains, unfinished however, but the town has been almost wiped out of existence. A few scattered houses may be seen here and there among the ruins, nor have the people means to rebuild at present, nor will they soon have. Now and then a small wooden house is erected, but nothing has as yet been done to indicate a restoration of the population or trade of these places. In the meantime their clergymen remain with their diminished flocks with commendable faithfulness —Mr. Geer at Washington, maintaining himself mainly by teaching school, and Mr. Haughton at Plymouth, laboring sometimes in that calling and sometimes in the cultivation of the soil.

28th, at a private house, I confirmed two persons and administered the Communion to them. Thence I went to St. Luke's, in Washington County, preached, confirmed one person and administered the Communion.

31st, I preached at St. David's, in the same County, and administered the Communion.

April 2d, at St. Paul's Church, in Edenton, I preached and confirmed eight persons.

3d, in the same Church, I again preached and administered the Communion, and in the evening confirmed one person in private.

5th, at Hertford, I preached, confirmed six persons and administered the Communion.

7th, at Elizabeth City, I performed the same duties, confirming thirteen persons, in the Church, and one in private.

10th, at St. Peter's, Gates County, I preached and confirmed four persons, and in the afternoon administered Baptism to an infant at a private house.

11th, at Gatesville, I preached, confirmed ten persons and administered the Lord's Supper.

12th, I preached at Colerain, in Bertie County.

14th, at Windsor, in the morning, I preached, baptized an adult and administered the Lord's Supper. At Evening Prayer, I baptized an infant, and after a sermon by Mr. Marshall, who had accompanied me from Elizabeth City in order to lighten my labors, I confirmed one person.

15th, at Woodville, in Bertie County, I preached, confirmed three persons and administered the Lord's Supper.

17th, at Murfreesboro', I preached and administered the Lord's Supper.

18th, at Jackson, I read prayers, preached and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

19th, at Halifax, I read prayers and preached.

20th, I baptized a sick infant in private.

21st, at Tarborough, I performed a marriage, preached and administered the Communion in the morning. At Evening Prayer, after a sermon by Dr. Cheshire, I confirmed ten persons.

23d, at Scotland Neck, I preached and confirmed one person.

24th, after Evening Prayer, I preached to a colored congregation in the same Church.

26th, at Williamston, I preached, confirmed eight persons, of whom six were colored, and administered the Lord's Supper. In the evening, Dr. Cheshire preached.

27th, I preached at Greenville.

28th, in the same Church, in the morning I preached and administered the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon, I preached to the African Methodist congregation, and in the evening, after a sermon by Mr. Hughes, I confirmed one person.

30th, at Windsor, I preached and confirmed six persons, one of them in private.

May 12th, in the morning, I baptized, in St. Paul's Church in this city, a colored adult and confirmed eleven colored persons. In the evening, at St. John's, I confirmed fifty-seven persons, thereby receiving very gratifying evidence of the successful labors of the Rev. Mr. Terry in this new Parish. Indeed, the progress of the Church in this city is very encouraging. St. James's is full to overflowing, and St. John's and St. Paul's have already excellent congregations, which are rapidly increasing. The number of confirmations has been larger than I have ever had in the same time, and the same circle of Parishes.

Bishop Green of Mississippi was kind enough to confirm, during my absence in Europe, two persons in St. John's, Wilmington. At the instance of Bishop Whittingham, I confirmed sixteen persons in St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore, in June last; and in December, fourteen in Christ Church Parish, in the same city.

Since my return to my Diocese, between four and five months ago, I have confirmed three hundred and forty-one persons, making in all, in this Diocese, three hundred and forty-three, without going west of the line of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, except to Raleigh and Fayetteville. It is to me very evident that there is a continually increasing tendency to the Church, especially on the part of the young, throughout this Diocese and generally in our country. May our lives and labors be such as to encourage it. It may be useful to state, that of the confirmations, sixty-three were of colored persons. Of baptisms, I have performed fifteen, one of a white adult, ten of white infants, one of a colored adult, and three of colored infants. I have celebrated two marriages, one of white, the other of colored persons; and I have officiated at the funeral of one white adult.

Many changes have occurred in the Parishes during the past year, several of them inflicting loss on the Diocese. The Rev. James Briscoe has taken letters dimissory to the Diocese of Maryland; the Rev. Edward W. Gilliam to that of Kentucky; the Rev. Joseph W. Murphy to that of Pennsylvania, (in this case, however, the transfer is not yet com-

plete, notification of the acceptance of the letters not having been received); the Rev. Henry H. Prout has taken letters to the Diocese of New York; the Rev. Stephen C. Roberts to that of Virginia, and the Rev. D. D. Van Antwerp to that of Missouri. In the case of Mr. Van Antwerp, however, as in that of Mr. Murphy, the transfer is not yet complete. The Rev. Thomas G. Haughton has resigned the Parish of St. Luke's, Salisbury, and has, I understand, taken charge of one on the Eastern shore of Virginia, but he has not applied for letters dimissory, nor do I certainly know his present residence.

We have, then, four Clergymen canonically transferred from the Diocese, and seven actually removed from it, and one or two others have, I believe, the same step in contemplation.

To what is this abandonment of their charges by so many of our Clergy owing? Certainly not to the want of an affectionate and respectful feeling towards them on the part of their people, for I believe there is no Diocese in the Church where this feeling is stronger than in North Carolina—scarcely anywhere is it so strong.

Is it, then, that the Clergy are especially mercenary, and are drawn away by larger salaries? This, again, would be an undeserved imputation, for in repeated instances they have declined such offers, and in one case, which has recently occurred within my own knowledge, a Clergyman refused the offer of a salary of more than four times that which he was actually receiving, rather than leave his charge. The true explanation of so many of our Parishes being left without a minister is that they do not provide for the wants, even of men whose wants are moderate and whose habits are self-denying.

Undoubtedly it may be said, with entire truth, the people themselves are greatly impoverished by the war and its consequences, and that the Clergy ought not to expect to escape without suffering, where all others are suffering, and where so many are absolutely ruined.

If, then, the people give to the Church in fair proportion

to what they themselves receive, there could be no reasonable complaint of them. But what is a fair proportion? God ordained for the Jews a tenth to be given for such purposes, and certainly it would be strange for Christians to say, that a Christian owes less to God than a Jew. If, then, Christians give a tenth of what they receive, they can hardly be considered as exceeding reason and duty in the warmth of their liberality. But do they give a tenth? I wish I could believe they did, for then I know that God would take care of his loving and suffering children, and raise up for them pastors even more zealous and devoted than those they have lost, and bless them also in their barns and their storehouses. But I am persuaded that so far is this from being true, that there is not a Parish in this Diocese which has lost, or is likely to lose, its minister, which might not have retained him, had the regular attendants on the services of the Church in that Parish given, not all, but one with another, one making up for the deficiencies of another, one-tenth of their income for religious uses, including the maintenance of their minister. And if this had been done in former years of prosperity, the cause of God would have been advanced, and certainly the country would not have suffered. There would have been Churches, and Glebes, and Parsonages, and School-houses, where now there are none, and treasure would have been laid up in Heaven, while now there is treasure neither in Heaven nor on earth, but only a long account to meet men in the judgment of the last great day. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

But I turn to more pleasant themes. There have been added to the Diocese during the past year, notwithstanding all our discouragements, four Clergymen, two by removal and two by ordination, so that the number canonically connected with it remains the same. Those transferred to it are: The Rev. Philip D. Thompson, who has taken charge of the Parish at Leaksville, in Rockingham County, and the Rev. B. S. Bronson, who has gratified many old friends

by returning to us, and is now the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charlotte. The persons admitted to Holy Orders are: The Rev. William Baker Gordon, who is Assistant to Mr. Forbes in Christ Church, Newbern, and the Rev. Horace G. Hilton, who is ministering in St. Thomas's Church, Bath, under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Harding.

The Rev. George M. Everhart has removed to Buncombe County, and officiates in Calvary Church, Henderson County, and St. James's Parish, Hendersonville.

The Rev. Gerard W. Phelps is laboring acceptably and successfully in Gates County.

The Rev. John H. Tillinghast has resigned the charge of St. Paul's Church, Clinton, and accepted that of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.

I am gratified to be able to report a considerable accession to the number of our Candidates for Orders. There are at present ten, viz: Edward Wooten, John Richard Joyner, E. Gregory Prout, Julian C. Hines, John Archibald Deal, Frank J. Murdoch, Henry N. Jasper, William S. Pettigrew, James Augustus Weston and Edmund Joyner.

I have again to perform the grateful duty of acknowledging large and liberal contributions, made through me, for the relief of destitute persons in this State. A personal friend of mine in Boston, who would not wish his name to be published, has sent me \$100 for that purpose. A society of ladies in New York, of whom Mrs. A. S. Sullivan is President, has sent me at different times \$400. I have received from Gen. D. H. Hill \$800 for the relief of the destitute in Wilmington, being a part of a sum contributed by the Relief Association of St. Louis, Missouri, in aid of this State; and also from the Rev. Mr. Fuller's congregation, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by Bishop Kerfoot, \$135 66; and from the Rev. Dr. Carnes, of Concord, N. H., \$178 14; and a box of clothing from Cooperstown, N. Y.

I feel it to be my duty to reiterate to this Convention the expression of the convictions which I declared to the last, concerning the obligation resting on us to do what we can for the education and religious instruction of our colored

population, and for that purpose, to admit into the ministry such persons of African descent as may otherwise appear well qualified to serve in that holy office to the glory of God and the edification of the people.

A man who regards our Church from the point of view in which some of its enemies affect to look at it, that is, as a voluntary society of decided aristocratic spirit and sympathies, may very consistently think that its ministers, and indeed its members, should be confined to a certain class in society, and a certain race among the people; but it is difficult to understand how he reasons who sets out with affirming that our Church is Catholic and Apostolic, and concludes with maintaining that it ought not to receive ministers, and by necessary consequence members, of a different race from his own, although that race may be, as with us, one-third, or with others, half of the entire population.

And when we consider the practical consequences of these views, how they shut out from so many immortal souls the enlightening and sanctifying influences of Church doctrine and Church worship, and abandon them to ignorance, fanaticism, or, at the best, imperfect and defective teaching, and what powerful arguments they supply to all who have ill-will against the Church; and when we observe the course of events in our political history, we may well believe that the time is near at hand when we shall be all of one mind on this subject, and none will question the duty of the Church to open wide her gates to men of every rank and every race.

I must also again refer to the necessity of increased Episcopal service in the Diocese.

My health has improved in consequence of my visit to Europe, but it is not such as to authorize me to hope that I can perform my duties in every Parish in twelve months; and yet it is certainly important that each one should be visited in that time—important in every Diocese, but especially so in this, where the Clergy live too far apart to render each other much assistance.

The best remedy for an evil already considerable, and

which is likely to increase from year to year, would be a division of the Diocese. But, by the Constitution of the Church, no division is possible for a Diocese with no larger number of self-supporting Parishes than this has.

The next expedient would be the appointment of an Assistant Bishop, which I believe to be authorized in my case by the provisions of the Canon on that subject. The only objection to it, which I see, is the difficulty of providing for the support of two Bishops. This, perhaps, might be met by one or both taking Parishes.

There is still another way of providing for the deficiency of Episcopal service, which deserves consideration. It is that the office of Bishop should be filled by a younger man, in more vigorous health than I enjoy, or am ever likely to enjoy again. This could be at once accomplished by my resignation; and although I am assured that this would be in itself painful to the Diocese, as I know it would be to me, yet if the interests of the Church require it, I declare myself prepared to make the sacrifice; and if you consider that the welfare of the Diocese makes it necessary or expedient, you will be constrained to accept it, and in my case personal convenience, or inconvenience, must not be regarded when these weightier matters have to be settled.

Before concluding, I ought, perhaps, to say a word on a subject which has excited a lively interest latterly, both in the Church of England and in our own, and that is the character of the Ritualistic movement, and the best manner of dealing with it; and I am the more bound to express my views, because I did not unite with the majority of my brethren in their published condemnation of these new or renewed usages. When in England, I attended several Churches which were called Ritualistic, and especially that which is regarded as the most advanced, St. Albans, London. It seemed then to me that the system was a complex one, which required care and discrimination in dealing with it. Some of the Ritualistic usages seemed designed and fitted to popularize the Church, and to give increased beauty and dignity to its worship. These were the removal of pews

and privileged seats; a larger use and improved style of music; greater reverence toward the house of God, and in every part of His worship. All of this I thought fit to be encouraged, especially by us in the Southern States of the Union, where the opposite defects are very common, and sometimes very gross, and where we have a large colored population, who are peculiarly liable to be affected by whatever appeals to the eye and ear. But, on the other hand, there were ceremonies used in these Churches which appeared to imply and enforce false doctrine. These were such as the lifting the elements in the Lord's Supper, immediately after consecration, which I could not distinguish from the elevation of the Host as practiced in Roman Catholic Churches, and in conformity with this, such genuflexions and prostrations toward the holy table, as could only be justified by a belief in the deification of the Sacrament; and again, hymns interpolated into the service, which conveyed the same idea, as well as suggested the worship of the Blessed Virgin. These censures, however, do not apply to many of the Churches called Ritualistic, for there is great diversity of ceremonial among them.

The use of incense, too, which was then so frequent and so profuse at St. Albans, all authorities agree is forbidden by the law of the Church of England, and to the credit of the Clergy of St. Albans it has been very much restricted, although it would be still more to their credit if it were altogether done away with. I considered that the use of the peculiar and gorgeous vestments which the Ritualists affect, and the lighting of candles in the office of the Communion, although not forbidden by written law,—the former indeed being rather in obedience to the written law of the Church of England,—were yet contrary to the practice of that Church for several centuries, and that for a particular minister, against the known judgment of his Bishop, to revive these usages on his own authority, was rash and undutiful. In our own Church there is, I conceive, no law on the subject of vestments; the Rubric in the English Prayer Book having been omitted in ours, it is thereby, as to us, abrogated.

If a Clergyman then should go into his Chancel, in the performance of public worship, dressed as a Roman Catholic Priest, or as a day-laborer, in his shirt-sleeves, in either case he violates no law except that of decorum and propriety.

Ritualism, then, to be dealt with aright, seemed to me to need deliberate discussion, careful discrimination, and that respect for freedom of opinion and action in things non-essential which the Church recognizes as right and practically exhibits.

With the greatest confidence in and esteem for my brethren who signed the document I have referred to, many of whom are my seniors, and I may add, without any affectation of humility, my superiors in learning and authority, and with many of whom again I agree very thoroughly in my views of doctrine and Church polity, I yet, on these points, felt constrained to differ from them, and thought it inexpedient to dispose in so summary a way of such a question. But even if I had approved of every word in the declaration, I should have declined to sign it, because of my unwillingness to assist in setting a precedent so liable to abuse as the issuing of this document appears to me. For a number of Bishops meeting specially for a designated purpose, to take up a matter entirely extraneous to it, and to send forth a declaration of principles which their absent brethren must accept without discussion, without limitation, and without explanation, or by rejecting, must appear entirely to oppose; this appeared to me to put so much power into the hands of what might be an accidental majority, that it was right and necessary to resist the course of procedure, even if I had concurred in every sentiment and every expression set forth on that particular occasion. I need hardly say that I entirely exculpate my brethren from meaning to establish a precedent capable of such abuse, or of doing anything unjust, unkind, or injurious, but that it seemed to me that a dangerous precedent was involved in the procedure, and that therefore, especially, I could not concur in it.

The Church has been called to lament the withdrawal

from their earthly labors, during the past year, of some of her most honored children, although she rejoices in the hope that they have been taken to their reward above. Three of our Bishops, Burgess, Rutledge and Elliott, have died.

Bishop Burgess was one of the ablest, most learned, and most respected of the body to which he belonged.

Bishop Rutledge was distinguished for qualities which are rare in our noisy age and country, but which are especially commended by our Lord; he was distinguished for humility, unworldliness, and devotion to duty.

Bishop Elliott was a man whose light shone so brightly that it could not be hid. Nature had endowed him with genius, eloquence, and nobleness of spirit; cultivation had done for him all it well could do, and grace was given him to consecrate all he had—his wealth (which was once considerable), his fine talents, his great influence, and his life-long labors—to the service of his Divine Master. Men might differ from him in opinion, but they could not fail to respect and admire his brilliant intellect, his magnanimous spirit, and his affectionate nature. Take him for all in all, we shall not soon see his like again.

We have lately lost, also, the most eminent and the most useful, perhaps, of all the Laymen of the Church, Judge Chambers of Maryland. Of him I understood that Mr. Clay said, that when the United States Senate was in its greatest splendor, Chambers was, in power of ready extemporaneous debate, the first man in it. No one who had served with him for long years, as I did in the General Convention and in the Convention of his own Diocese, could fail to recognize the high qualities which enabled him to take such a position. In quickness of thought he surpassed any man I ever knew. His sagacity, his wit, his knowledge of the subjects he was called on to discuss, his readiness and variety of resource, his presence of mind, and his imper-
turbable resolution, fitted him to lead any body of men, and at the Bar, on the Bench, in Legislative Halls, and in the Councils of the Church, he was always a leader, often the

leader. Yet we who knew him well and survive him, remember with most pleasure his power of warm and steady friendship, his high sense of duty and obedience to its requirements, his uncomplaining patience and resignation under the sorest trials that could well befall a man, and his deep and increasing devotion to his Redeemer. Such men as these are not only ornaments to the Church, but they are powerful witnesses to the purifying and elevating influences which it exerts on the human soul.

Within the last few days, this Diocese also has lost one of the most useful and honored of its Laity, the late P. K. Dickinson, Esq., of this city. He has gone to his rest, after a long and well-spent life, with the respect of all, the warm affection of many, the ill-will of none.

Much and widely as his loss is felt, it has fallen on scarcely any one, out of his immediate family circle, more heavily than on me, who had enjoyed, during my whole residence here, many benefits and much comfort in an intimate, cordial friendship with him. It was touching to see with what sincere grief, among other mourning friends, a large body of his former slaves followed him to the tomb.

THOMAS ATKINSON.

On motion, the Bishop's Address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Special Committee on the Missionary work of the Diocese asked leave to withdraw. Permission was granted.

On motion of Rev. W. C. Hunter,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the increase of Episcopal services in the Diocese be referred to a Special Committee of six.

The Chair appointed Rev. J. B. Cheshire, D.D., Rev. A. Smedes, D.D., Rev. W. C. Hunter, J. G. Martin, S. J. Person and J. G. Burr on this Committee.

On motion of Rev. E. Geer,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the question of providing education and religious instruction for the Freedmen of this Diocese be referred to a Committee of six, three Clergymen and three Laymen.

The Chair appointed Rev. R. S. Mason, D.D., Rev. E. M.

Forbes, Rev. W. Hodges, D.D., W. H. Battle, R. H. Smith, and C. P. Mallett on this Committee.

Rev. R. S. Mason, D.D., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That section iv of the third article of the Constitution be amended, by striking out the words "baptized persons of good moral standing," and inserting in their place the word "Communicants."

The vote on this resolution was taken by Orders, and it was unanimously adopted.

John Hughes offered the following resolution:

Whereas, uniformity in the manner of conducting Parochial elections throughout the Diocese is greatly to be desired: Therefore,

Resolved, That section 3 of article ix of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows: "In all Parochial elections none shall be entitled to vote but those who are twenty-one years of age—members of the Parish—who are Communicants or pew-holders: Provided, however, that no person being a pew-holder but not a Communicant shall have the privilege of voting at any election until he shall first subscribe to a declaration in the following words: I do hereby consent to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese."

Rev. J. H. Tillinghast moved to amend by inserting: "In all Parochial elections, none but Communicants shall vote," in place of the words proposed to be inserted by the resolution.

While this resolution was under discussion, on motion of S. L. Fremont, the consideration of it was suspended to allow the Committee which was appointed at the last Convention, "to ascertain what means can be raised to aid in the support of an Assistant Bishop, and to report to an adjourned Convention to be held at Goldsboro', in November 1866," to report to this Convention, as the adjourned Convention did not meet.

The Report of that Committee was read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO AN ASSISTANT BISHOP.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Convention, to ascertain what means can be raised to aid in support of an Assistant Bishop, respectfully submit the following as "facts" and "opinion" on the subject that they were required to report:

The Committee immediately entered upon the duties assigned to them in the resolution of the Convention, herewith appended, by issuing the following Circular, which was widely distributed, and although many favorable responses were received from Parishes and people, yet the work was entirely suspended

by the notice of the Standing Committee, that no special Convention would be held.

The Circular referred to expressed the views of the Committee then, and these views are strengthened by their investigations.

It is in the following words:

"CIRCULAR.

"At the last Convention of the Church in North Carolina, held in Newbern, in May 1866, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That when this Convention completes the business before it at this place, it adjourn to meet in *Special Session*, at St. Stephen's Church, Goldsboro', on the *Third Wednesday* in the month of *November*, for the purpose of considering the whole subject of an Assistant Bishop, with the understanding that it have full powers, and that it will be eminently proper for it to dispose of that question for the best interests of the Church.

"2d. That the Secretary be directed to notify the proper authority of each Parish not herein represented, of this adjourned meeting, and its objects, and to ask them to send delegates to the same.

"3d. That a Committee of seven Laymen be appointed by the Chair to represent, as far as practicable, the different sections of the State, whose duty it shall be to ascertain what means can be raised to aid in support of an Assistant Bishop — the members of this Committee to correspond with the Vestry and others of each Parish, and see what the people of each locality have to say on this subject; the Committee to report all the facts and their opinion to the adjourned session before-mentioned.

"The undersigned having been appointed the Committee under the third of the above resolutions, address to Churchmen in the Diocese this communication, with the view of obtaining the desired information on this subject.

"The necessity of additional Episcopal services cannot be questioned, when you shall have learned that many of the Parishes in the western portion of the Diocese have not been visited by the Bishop in two, and some in four, years. This cannot be charged to indifference on the part of our venerated Diocesan, but is attributable to his ill-health and the vastness of the territory under his charge.

"The territory, almost as large as England, and although in comparison it is but sparsely inhabited, yet to visit every Parish and district, it requires far more time and labor. In England, with her great railway system, reaching unto almost every Parish, her numerous Bishops can render the Apostolic visitation and service with but little labor to themselves; while here, with the vast field before him and the inadequate means of reaching many portions of it, the annual visitation of the Diocesan cannot be looked for.

"With the great necessity for a Bishop for the West (at present to be attained only by electing an Assistant Bishop) all Churchmen must be profoundly impressed.

"The question then arises as to the ability of the Church in North Carolina to support an Assistant Bishop. Your Committee believe it can be done.

"They hope they do not over-estimate the *disposition*, they know they do not the *ability*, of Churchmen to come up to the measure of their duty in this good work of Christ and His Church; and they believe that each district into which they have divided the Diocese, (seven in all,) will raise the sum required, about

(\$360) three hundred and sixty dollars, which will give the sum of about (\$2500) two thousand five hundred dollars, a sum sufficient to support an Assistant Bishop, and which will enable the Diocese to obtain the services of some able Divine to fill this place. One young, active and zealous in the great Missionary and Episcopal work before him, and whose support should be ample, that his mind may be little disturbed with worldly cares, and not at all with pecuniary embarrassments.

"If each Communicant in the Diocese will contribute annually one dollar, the fund would be much larger than necessary; but as all cannot be reached, we suggest subscriptions based upon a contribution of one to five dollars each from Churchmen and their friends, in every Parish, be requested.

"The Diocese has been divided so as to give each member of the Committee a field to operate in through sub-committees, that he is requested to organize in each Parish or other locality he may select.

"Subscription papers will be sent to persons in each district by the member in such district, with a request that the Rectors and Vestrymen will see what sums can be raised, and report through the Committee to the Convention to be held at Goldsboro', in November next.

"So far as practicable the money raised should be sent by a delegate to the Convention, to be paid over to the Treasurer.

We are, respectfully, &c.

"S. L. FREMONT, Wilmington.

"W. R. COX, Raleigh.

"JOHN WILKES, Charlotte.

"JOHN HUGHES, Newbern.

"JAMES G. MARTIN, Asheville.

"R. T. FULGHUM, Goldsboro'.

"W. A. B. NORCOM, Edenton.

"Col. S. L. FREMONT, District No. 1.—New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Robeson, Cumberland, Harnett, Sampson, Duplin, Onslow and Richmond—11 Counties.

"Capt. R. T. FULGHUM, District No. 2.—Wayne, Greene, Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, Halifax, Northampton, Warren, Franklin and Granville—10 Counties.

"Gen. W. R. Cox, District No. 3.—Wake, Chatham, Orange, Person, Caswell, Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph and Montgomery—9 Counties.

"Major JOHN HUGHES, District No. 4.—Craven, Carteret, Lenoir, Beaufort, Jones, Washington, Tyrrell, Pitt and Hyde—9 Counties.

"Dr. W. A. B. NORCOM, District No. 5.—Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Martin—7 Counties.

"JOHN WILKES, Esq., District No. 6.—To have all the Counties west of those named and east of the Blue Ridge.

"Gen. JAMES G. MARTIN, District No. 7.—To have all the Counties west of the Blue Ridge."

The *fact* cannot be questioned that the Diocese of North Carolina is *able to* support two Bishops.

The Committee unhesitatingly state as their opinion, that the people have the *disposition* to do so.

How shall the good work be accomplished? The Committee think that by

zealous and energetic exertions, on the part of those upon whom this duty properly devolves, the work can be accomplished.

The plan of raising by subscription the annual salary of an Assistant Bishop, the Committee do not recommend as a permanent arrangement, but simply as a present expedient; and they think immediate steps should be taken to raise by subscription or otherwise an ample Episcopal Fund.

All things considered, there is no better time to commence this work than the present.

The Committee do not look for large subscriptions. On the contrary, they propose small ones, as they come within the means of all. It is by systematic and persevering efforts in this way we must raise a fund that will yield an annual income of five to seven thousand dollars.

The Committee think a fund of \$50,000 should be considered the smallest amount that the Church should be satisfied with, or that would give the needed support for a Bishop and Assistant Bishop.

How can this large sum be raised? There are many liberal gentlemen of large estate in the Diocese that would contribute to this fund—very liberal offers have already been made to aid in raising it.

We doubt not the practicability of raising the fund if the Parishes will, under the lead of their Rectors, come up to the work zealously.

To illustrate the views of the Committee, they assume that there are 10,000 persons—Communicants and non-communicants—in the Diocese that would willingly subscribe \$1 each to this fund—\$10,000; that there are 3,000 others that would give \$5—\$15,000; that there are 1,500 others that would give \$10 each—\$15,000; and that there are 500 that would raise an average of \$50 each—\$25,000; making an aggregate of 15,000 people in the Church that would raise a fund of \$65,000.

This is the plan simply that the Committee recommend for regulating subscriptions. They also recommend the appointment of a Committee to represent the several sections of the Diocese, whose duty it shall be to devise the ways and means to raise and invest this fund.

We therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of seven be appointed, representing the Diocese at large, whose duty it shall be to devise the ways and means of raising, in the shortest practicable time, an Episcopal Fund for the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese, and to invest the same securely; the income of which to be paid semi-annually into the treasury of the Diocese.

S. L. FREMONT, Ch'n.

On motion of S. L. Fremont,

Resolved, That this Report be referred to the Committee on the increase of Episcopal services.

The consideration of the amendment to the motion of Mr. Hughes, offered by Rev. J. H. Tillinghast, was then resumed.

On motion of S. L. Fremont, the whole subject was laid on the table.

The Special Committee on the Missionary work of the Diocese made their report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of Diocesan Missions beg leave to report, as follows:

The Church of Christ must be aggressive, and when from any cause, in any part of the world, she ceases to be so, not only does she fail to do her duty, but her spiritual life languishes and finally dies.

It is evident that the American Church is feeling deeply the importance of this truth, and is displaying a zeal and activity in the work of Domestic Missions of which one cannot read without being kindled into a glow of interest and enthusiasm.

Yet the Missionary operations of the Church in this Diocese are not of this aggressive character, nor can this fact be accounted for by the depressed condition of the people of the State; for the complaint has been made by the Missionary Committee for years past, indeed almost every year since it was created, that its sole work consisted in the partial support of the Rectors of established Parishes; so that it might more appropriately be called a Pastoral Aid, than a Missionary Committee.

There must be, therefore, among us an utter deadness to spiritual things, which your Committee do not believe to exist, or there must be some serious defect in our system of operations. Your Committee believe that they have found this defect in the fact that we have hitherto ignored the important principle of sub-division of labor. The Church in North Carolina has been strong in her blessed harmony and unity, but she has not been able to bring this strength fully to bear, because her unity has been too much one of dead sameness, rather than that which results from the combined and harmonious working of various parts, each full of a life of its own, different from the life of every other part.

Your Committee believe that this defect can only be fully supplied by the division of the Diocese, but they also believe that it may be remedied, in a measure, by recognizing different sections of the State as, for Missionary purposes, distinct organizations, though all under one Episcopal head; and they happily find the germ of these organizations now in existence, in those Convocations which have already, in some parts of the State, been productive of so much good.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That for a full performance of the Church's work, as a Missionary Church in the State of North Carolina, a division of the Diocese is absolutely essential.

Resolved, That inasmuch as this division cannot now take place, because of certain constitutional restrictions imposed by the General Convention, the Diocese be divided, for Missionary purposes, into six Convocations, the limits of three of them to be the same with those of the following Convocations now existing, viz: the Albemarle, the Ravenscroft, and the South Eastern, and the others to be formed, with such boundaries as may be fixed, by the Bishop and the Executive Missionary Committee, under the titles of the Central, the South Central, and the Western Convocations, or such other names as they may select; the existing Convocations to be organized as now, with such changes as they may see fit to adopt, subject to the approval of the Bishop, and the others to be organized as soon as practicable.

Your Committee also recommend the following amendment to Canon viii, section 3:

Strike out all after the words "may seem to them good," and insert the following: "Under the direction of the Bishop, if there be one, they shall divide the Missionary funds of the Diocese among the different Convocations, according to their several needs."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS W. HILLIARD, Ch'n.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Hilliard,

Resolved, That the consideration of the resolutions offered by the Committee be laid on the table, and made the special order for 4 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

R. H. Smith offered the following:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention meet in Calvary Church, Tarboro', on the fourth Friday in May 1868.

W. H. Battle moved to amend by striking out "Calvary Church, Tarboro'," and inserting "Christ Church, Raleigh."

On motion of S. L. Fremont,

Resolved, That the consideration of the subject be postponed until 10 o'clock A. M. Saturday, and that it be made the special order for that hour.

Rev. B. S. Bronson proposed the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That the Clerical and Lay Deputies from this Diocese to the next General Convention be instructed to urge upon that Convention the propriety of a relaxation of the rule for division of Dioceses.

2d. That a Committee of five, composed of three Clergymen and two Laymen, be appointed to prepare an address upon this subject, to be laid before the different Diocesan Conventions, inviting their co-operation.

On motion, the resolutions were laid on the table until the afternoon session.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and, on motion, proceeded to elect Trustees of the University of the South.

Balloting was dispensed with, and, on motion, Rev. M. A. Curtis, D.D., John Wilkes and A. J. DeRosset were elected.

On motion, John Wilkes was elected Treasurer of the Trustees of the University of the South; balloting being dispensed with.

On motion, the Church Building Committee was elected, viz: Rev. W. E. Snowden, Rev. F. W. Hilliard, Rev. M. M. Marshall, T. D. Warren, W. F. Martin; balloting being dispensed with.

The Education Committee reported as follows:

The Education Committee respectfully report that there has been received, during the year past,

From Grace Church, Morganton,	\$2 00
" collection at Christ Church, Newbern, during the Diocesan	26 00
Convention of 1866,	26 00
From collection at St. James's Church, Wilmington,	108 80
In all,	<hr/> \$136 80

There have been no appropriations. The Committee would call attention to the language of the 22d Canon, requiring an annual collection for this fund in each Parish of the Diocese.

ALFRED A. WATSON, Ch'n.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relating to an increase of Episcopal services made their report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCREASE OF EPISCOPAL SERVICES.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Address of the Bishop as relates to the question of "increased Episcopal services in the Diocese," have had the same under consideration and ask leave respectfully to report:

That while they deeply regret the cause which produces the necessity, they are of opinion that increased Episcopal services are required in this Diocese.

A division of the Diocese, although it might be thought the best mode in other circumstances, cannot be suggested as a remedy, because, under the Constitution upon that subject, it is impracticable on account of the want of the requisite number of self-supporting Parishes. Neither can they recommend the resignation of the Bishop, since they are unanimously of the opinion that they would not reflect the wishes of the Church in the Diocese, and are sure they would not express their own, in entertaining for a moment the proposition that the Bishop shall resign in order to make room for a younger and more vigorous man, and thus get rid of the difficulty.

But they believe it is for the best interest of the Church that there should be Episcopal services in every Parish at least once in twelve months, and that it is incumbent on us so to provide, in case it is within the means of the Church; and they further believe that if both the Clergy and Laity will come up to the work and perform their respective duties, an Assistant Bishop can be supported without imposing unreasonable burthens or depriving the people of any of the comforts of life.

With these views, and in order to meet the necessity of the case in the best way, the Committee are of opinion that an Assistant Bishop ought to be chosen; and that to secure the greatest efficiency and give the most general satisfaction, it is expedient that neither the Bishop nor the Assistant Bishop should have a

Parish; but that, for the next two years, the salary of both of them should be raised by assessments to be apportioned among the several Parishes by some just rule. In the meantime, it is recommended that vigorous steps be taken, in accordance with the Report of the Committee of the last Convention, which has been referred to us, to raise a permanent Episcopal fund.

The Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Convention elect an Assistant Bishop for the Diocese, and that he have an annual salary of two thousand dollars, to be raised in the same way as is now provided for raising the Bishop's salary.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Ch'n.

J. G. Burr and Rev. A. Smedes, D.D., offered statements amendatory of the Report of the Committee, and asked that they be entered upon the Minutes after the Report of the Committee.

The Convention allowed the statements to be entered upon the Journal.

STATEMENT OF J. G. BURR.

While I concur generally in the Report of the Committee, I am clearly of opinion that the support of the Assistant Bishop can only be certainly secured by his being a Rector of a Parish.

J. G. BURR.

STATEMENT OF DR. SMEDES.

The undersigned, while heartily concurring in the sentiments of the Report of your Committee, in regard to the importance of more frequent Episcopal services than our Diocesan is able to render, and to the remedy they suggest—the appointment of an Assistant Bishop, who shall be exempt from a Parochial cure—is also of opinion, that, until the Diocese makes provision for paying its present indebtedness, it ought not to incur additional pecuniary responsibility.

ALDERT SMEDES.

On motion of W. H. Battle:

Resolved, That the consideration of the resolution proposed by the Committee be postponed until 10½ o'clock A. M. of Saturday.

On motion of S. L. Fremont,

Resolved, That the vote by which the resolution of Mr. Hughes was laid on the table, this morning, be reconsidered, and that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Canons.

The resolution of Rev. B. S. Bronson, offered this morning, was adopted.

The Chair appointed on the Committee, under this resolution, Rev. A. A. Watson, Rev. J. B. Cheshire, D.D., Rev. B. S. Bronson, A. J. DeRosset and Richard H. Smith.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Hilliard,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to send copies of these resolutions to all the Church papers he may know of throughout the country.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Executive Missionary Committee, balloting being dispensed with. On motion, the Committee was elected, as follows: Rev. J. C. Huske, Rev. R. B. Sutton, C. T. Haigh, C. B. Mallett, R. P. Buxton.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Hilliard,

Resolved, That Canon xii be amended by striking out the word "three," wherever it occurs, and inserting the word "four."

On motion of W. H. Battle, the Convention proceeded to elect Deputies to the General Convention. The following were elected: Rev. R. S. Mason, D.D., Rev. J. B. Cheshire, D.D., Rev. F. M. Hubbard, D.D., Rev. A. A. Watson, W. H. Battle, R. H. Smith, A. J. DeRosset, Rob't Strange.

On motion of J. G. Burr,

Resolved, That when the Convention adjourns this afternoon the adjournment shall be until 8 o'clock this evening.

The Church Building Committee made their report:

The Church Building Committee beg leave to report: That they have received no moneys and made no appropriations. They commend the work which they have in hand to the attention of the Church, particularly with a view to the erection of plain and cheap Chapels for the colored people.

W. E. SNOWDEN, Ch'n.

W. R. Cox gave notice of his intention to move a reconsideration, during the evening session, of the vote by which the consideration of the resolution of the Committee on the increase of Episcopal services was postponed until Saturday at 10½ o'clock A. M.

On motion, the election of Alternate Clerical Deputies to the General Convention was dispensed with.

The Standing Committee made their report:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina respectfully submit the following report of their proceedings during the past Conventional year:

On July 9th, 1866, the assent of the Standing Committee was given to the consecration of Rt. Rev. P. B. Wilmer, to be Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana.

Also, to the consecration of Rt. Rev. George D. Cummings, to be Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky.

Testimonials were signed on behalf of Julian C. Hines, candidate for Orders.

In compliance with a resolution of the last Convention, directing the Standing Committee to appoint an Agent to solicit contributions for the purpose of establishing a Theological Seminary at Asheville, the Rev. Jarvis Buxton was appointed.

On the 3d September, 1866, the assent of the Standing Committee was given to the consecration of Rt. Rev. William E. Armitage, to be Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

The Rev. Edwin Geer and Rev. N. Collin Hughes were appointed examiners of Edward Wooten, candidate for Deacon's Orders.

The President of the Standing Committee was requested to invite the Rt. Rev. Bishop Quintard, of Tennessee, to visit the Parish of Asheville, when he could conveniently do so, and perform Episcopal services there.

On the 15th Oct. 1866, the petition of Rev. S. S. Barber, Missionary, asking to be transferred from his present station to be Assistant to Rev. Geo. B. Wetmore, was granted.

Testimonials were signed on behalf of John Archibald Deal, a candidate for Deacon's Orders.

Letters dimissory to the Diocese of Kentucky were granted, on his application, to Rev. Edward W. Gilliam.

Letters dimissory from Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns, of Virginia, on behalf of Rev. P. D. Thompson, were received, together with a certificate from the Wardens of the Church of the Epiphany, at Leaksville, informing the Standing Committee of his election to be Rector of said Parish. Whereupon said P. D. Thompson is admitted as a member of this Diocese.

On the 18th December, 1866, testimonials were signed on behalf of F. J. Murdoch, as candidate for Orders.

The assent of the Standing Committee was given to the consecration of Rev. Henry A. Neely, D.D., to be Bishop of Maine.

On the 26th Feb'y, 1867, the assent of the Standing Committee was given to the consecration of Rev. Joseph Tuttle, as Bishop-elect of Montana, with the addition of Idaho and Utah.

On the 2d March, 1867, testimonials were signed on behalf of Henry N. Jasper, candidate for Orders.

Also on behalf of William Baker Gordon, desirous of receiving Deacon's Orders.

On the 11th May, 1867, testimonials were signed on behalf of Edward Wooten, desirous of receiving Deacon's Orders.

On the 16th May, testimonials were signed on behalf of William S. Pettigrew, Edmund Joyner and James Augustus Weston, as candidates for Orders.

R. S. MASON, Pres't.

The Executive Missionary Committee made their report:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Executive Missionary Committee submit to the Convention the following statement, as showing the receipts and disbursements of the Missionary Fund during the past year:

Balance on hand reported to Convention of 1866,	\$534 15
Received from Parishes at and since last Convention,	1753 09
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	\$2287 24
Cash paid Missionaries,	2175 00
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Balance at credit of this fund,	\$112 24

The amount above reported as contributed to this fund, on the assessment during the past Conventional year, is not quite two-thirds of that which was received from this source in the year 1861; the amount that year being \$2824, and that received last year being \$1753 09; this last being a sum altogether inadequate to the wants of this department.

Your Committee are pleased, however, to mention and gratefully acknowledge the fact, that the Committee of Domestic Missions of the General Convention have given very liberally to the support of the Missionaries of this Diocese—a timely assistance, which has made the salaries of the Missionaries generally equal to what they received from this Committee before the war, and in some cases to exceed that amount.

As, however, this contribution of the General Domestic Committee is precarious, and as it is desirable that this Diocese should support its own Missions, it is the opinion of this Committee that every effort should be made by the Parishes to pay the assessment now made, or which shall be made by this Convention.

The Committee deem it unnecessary to offer any suggestions as to the best plan of accomplishing this result, as it is their hope that the Special Committee on Missions, appointed by this Convention, may suggest measures which will result in awakening the Church to a greater interest in the Missionary work of the Diocese, and so to the importance of providing adequate and certain support for her Missionaries.

During the past year Rev. Messrs. Prout, Roberts and Gilliam have removed from this Diocese.

J. C. HUSKE, Ch'n.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

T. W. Patton and W. J. Anderson, Lay Delegates, appeared and took their seats.

The Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was read, viz:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report: That the only business unfinished is a resolution to change Art. V of the Constitution, which has been laid over to this Convention. As there is not a sufficient number of Parishes represented in the present Convention to act upon this resolution, the Committee offer the following:

Resolved, That the resolution to change Art. V of the Constitution be postponed till the next Convention for action.

W. R. WETMORE, Ch'n.

Rev. Dr. Mason offered the following substitute for the resolution of the Committee:

Resolved, That the resolution to change Article V of the Constitution be now adopted, so that the article shall read as follows:

“To constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except in cases otherwise specially provided for, the presence of one-third of all the Parochial Clergy, and Delegates from seven of the Parishes entitled to representation, shall be necessary. Any less number, however, shall be competent to receive reports and to adjourn.”

Richard H. Smith offered the following:

Resolved, That this whole subject be laid on the table.

A vote by Orders was called for. The resolution was carried. The Clergy voting: Ayes 15, Noes 14; the Parishes: Ayes 11, Noes 3.

Rev. F. W. Hilliard offered the following:

Resolved, That a Register be elected by the Convention, and that every Rector be requested to prepare and present to the next Convention a history of his Parish, to be placed in the custody of the Register.

On motion of K. P. Battle, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion of W. R. Cox, the action of the Convention this afternoon, postponing the consideration of the resolution of the Committee on “increase of Episcopal services,” to 10½ o’clock A. M. of Saturday, was reconsidered.

John Wilkes moved as a substitute, in place of the resolution of the Committee:

Resolved, That it is advisable to elect an Assistant Bishop, and that a Special Convention be called on the — day of —, 1867, at —, for that purpose.

The Rev. F. W. Hilliard offered as a substitute for Mr. Wilkes’s resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention will hold an adjourned session on — day of —, at —, and then and there proceed to elect an Assistant Bishop.

This motion was lost.

The resolution of Mr. Wilkes was then adopted in place of the resolution of the Committee. On the question of its final passage, a vote by Orders was called for upon the first clause of the resolution, “that it is advisable to elect an Assistant Bishop,” which was adopted; the Clergy voting: Ayes 23, Noes 4; the Parishes: Ayes 17. The second clause

of the resolution being under consideration, John Hughes offered the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of five (three Clergymen and two Laymen,) be appointed to report to this Convention, at 4 o'clock P. M. to-morrow, how many of the Parishes in this Diocese have failed to elect Delegates for two successive years, and whether or not it is expedient to suspend them from representation or connection with the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet at 4 o'clock P. M. Friday.

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 4 o'clock P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called. G. V. Strong, M. K. Crawford, W. A. Williams, Rob't B. Wood and DuBrutz Cutlar, not before present, answered to their names.

The Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read and received.

On motion of John Wilkes,

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of the Rev. J. B. Cheshire, D.D., W. H. Battle and S. J. Person, be appointed to report, at once, such changes as experience has shewn are necessary in the Constitution, so that they may be acted upon at the present Convention.

The special order for the hour, the resolutions proposed by the Committee on the Missionary work of the Diocese, was then taken up.

The first resolution was rejected.

On motion of S. L. Fremont, it was

Resolved, That the Report and resolutions of the Committee be referred to a Committee, to consist of the Bishop, two Clergymen and one Layman, to mature and put in operation, at the earliest moment practicable, a system of Convocations, should they deem the same expedient.

The Chair appointed Rev. F. W. Hilliard, Rev. Ed. M. Forbes and S. L. Fremont on this Committee.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Hilliard,

Resolved, That the Bishop and Committee just appointed be requested to report also to the next Convention on the subject-matter of a resolution, proposed by him to the Convention of 1866, and found on page 29 of the Journal.

The Committee on changes necessary to be made in the Constitution read their report.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Mr. A. Treadwell, Lay Delegate from St. Timothy's Church, Wilson, reported his attendance.

On motion of R. H. Smith,

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on changes in the Constitution be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to report to-morrow at 10½ o'clock A. M.

The Committee on Canons made their report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee on Canons recommend that Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution read as follows:

3. "In all Parochial elections none shall be entitled to vote but those who are members of the Parish and Communicants, or pew-holders, or regular contributors to the support of the Parish: Provided, however, that no person being a pew-holder or regular contributor, but not a Communicant, shall have the privilege of voting at any election until such person shall first subscribe a declaration in the following words, viz: I do hereby consent to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese."

We also recommend that the following words be added to Canon VI, to-wit: "And shall also be the Registrar of the Diocese."

WM. HODGES, Ch'n.

Rev. F. W. Hilliard moved to take up the second recommendation of the Report first. The motion was lost.

On motion of W. H. Battle,

Resolved, That all that part of the first recommendation of the Committee, commencing with and following the word "provided," be stricken out.

The vote on the first recommendation, as amended, was called for by Orders. The recommendation was carried by the following vote: Clergy: Ayes 16, Noes 10; Parishes: Ayes 11, Noes 7, divided 1.

The second recommendation of the Committee was then adopted.

John Hughes withdrew the resolution offered by him last evening, which was pending at the adjournment.

On motion, the Convention took up the second clause of the resolution of Mr. Wilkes, adopted as a substitute to the resolution proposed by the Committee on "increase of Episcopal services."

On motion of Mr. Wilkes, it was

Resolved, That this clause be amended so as to read, "that the Bishop be requested to call a Special Convention, at such time and place as he may think proper for that purpose, inasmuch as this Convention is not competent to elect, a sufficient number of Parishes not being represented."

W. R. Cox offered the following, in place of the second clause, as amended:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the election of an Assistant Bishop for this Diocese be postponed to the meeting of the next regular Diocesan Convention.

This amendment was carried.

The question was then taken on the final passage of the resolution of the Committee, as amended, and it was adopted.

On motion of John Hughes,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to inquire and report to the next Convention how many of the Parishes in this Diocese have failed to elect Delegates for two successive years, or resisted the authority of the Convention; and whether or not it is expedient to suspend them from the right of representation, or connection with the Convention. And that it shall be the duty of the Committee to correspond with such Parishes on the subject.

The Chair appointed Rev. E. M. Forbes, Rev. H. A. Skinner and John Hughes on this Committee.

The Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called.

The Minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on changes in the Constitution made their report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution to inquire what changes should be made in the Constitution have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That the 5th Article of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

"To constitute a quorum for the purpose of ordinary business, the presence of one-third of all the Parochial Clergy, and of Delegates from ten of the Parishes entitled to representation in the Convention, shall be necessary: any less number shall be competent to receive reports and to adjourn."

Resolved, 2d. That Section 4th of Article 9 be so amended as to read as follows:

"Any Parish ceasing to be represented in the Convention for two successive years, or any Parish resisting the authority of the Convention, may be suspended from the right of representation, or its connection with the Convention be dissolved, by a vote of a majority of all the Parochial Clergy, and a majority of Delegates from at least twenty Parishes. But such suspension or dissolution shall never take place without previous inquiry by a Committee appointed for the purpose and a report upon the facts of the case; nor until after 30 days' notice to the Rector or Vestry, or in case there be none, then to some member of the Parish in default."

Resolved, 3d. That Article 12th of Section 1st be so amended as to read as follows:

"When a Bishop or Assistant Bishop is to be elected, the Convention shall always vote by distinct Orders, on this wise: The Clergy, by a majority of all in the Diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, shall nominate by ballot a Presbyter for the office; and then a concurrence by ballot of a majority of the Delegates from at least twenty Parishes in union with the Convention, (the said Delegates voting by Parishes,) shall be necessary to complete the election."

Resolved, 4th. That the second clause of the 1st Section of Article 14th be amended to read as follows:

"Second. The adoption of the proposed alteration or amendment, at the next ensuing Annual Convention, by a majority of all the Clergy present, and a majority of the Delegates from at least twenty Parishes, entitled to seats in said Convention, the said Delegates voting by Parishes."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Ch'n.

On motion, the first resolution proposed by the Committee was adopted.

K. P. Battle moved to reconsider the adoption of the resolution.

On motion of W. H. Battle,

Resolved, That the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

K. P. Battle moved to amend the second resolution by striking out the words "ceasing to be represented," and inserting "ceasing to elect Delegates." The motion was lost.

On motion of A. J. DeRosset, the third resolution was amended by striking out the words "nominate by ballot a Presbyter," and inserting "make a nomination by ballot."

On motion of W. H. Battle, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of W. H. Battle, the fourth resolution was adopted.

On the question of the final passage of the resolutions as

amended, as a whole, the vote was called for by Orders. The resolutions were adopted by the following vote: Clergy: Ayes 16; Parishes: Ayes 14. Nay 1.

The Committee on Finance made their report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

The Committee of Finance have had under consideration the Report of the Treasurer, referred to them, and have noticed with mortification and regret the unsatisfactory state of the finances of the Church. More than \$3000 is now due to the Bishop on account of his salary up to the first of the present month, and about that sum remains unpaid of the amount assessed upon the several Parishes for the support of the Bishop and other purposes during the past year. An examination into the reports of a number of years past shows that this shameful state of things is not owing to any particular present pecuniary embarrassment of the country, but that a chronic negligence and indifference as to their duty in such matters have for a long time pervaded many of the Parishes of this Diocese.

The Committee concur in the opinion of the Treasurer that there should be a change in the present unequal and arbitrary mode of assessing the Parishes, and recommend that the number of Communicants as reported from each Parish shall be the basis of the sum fixed for the assessment during the year succeeding such Parochial Reports.

Considering the plan of assessments heretofore adopted for the three several objects, viz: the Bishop's salary and Contingent expenses, the Missionary Fund and the Relief Fund, to have proved to a great extent a failure, the Committee recommend that the assessments be hereafter confined to the single object of raising a sum sufficient for the Bishop's salary and the contingent expenses of the Convention; that the Treasurer be authorized to demand regular quarterly payments of the same from each of the Parishes, and that it be his duty to report at every meeting of Convention any delinquencies which may occur.

It is further recommended that the Parishes now in default, for the past year or longer, be called upon by the Treasurer to furnish the means necessary for the payment of the amount now due the Bishop, and in the event of this application not being speedily successful, that the Treasurer be authorized and instructed to appropriate so much of the Permanent Fund now in his hands as may be required for that object—the amount so appropriated to be considered as a special loan, and to be refunded, with interest, out of any surplus derived from future assessments, which shall be regulated so as to provide for the gradual extinction of the debt so created.

A Scale of Assessment is recommended for the adoption of the Convention, fixed on the basis of two dollars for each Communicant.

In proposing to fix the assessment at \$2 for each Communicant, the Committee do not intend to be understood as suggesting anything in the nature of a *per capita* tax; but they consider that there is no more equitable and fair mode of distributing the expense among the Parishes of the Diocese. They believe that the poorest can, without serious difficulty or inconvenience, meet the payment of the moderate amount proposed, and that the more wealthy Parishes will find ample employment for their means in contributing to the Missionary and other charitable operations of the Church.

It is recommended that, in place of the assessments heretofore made for the Missionary and Relief Funds, voluntary contributions throughout the Diocese be relied upon for providing the means required, and that it be made the duty of every Clergyman to make regular monthly collections for those objects, and to transmit the amounts so raised to the Treasurer at least once in every three months.

With regard to the investment of the amount now belonging to the Permanent Episcopal Fund, the Committee recommend that it be left at present to the discretion of the Treasurer.

The accounts of the Treasurer, accompanying the Report referred to the Committee, have been examined and found to be correct, and the disbursements sustained by proper vouchers.

The attention of the Convention is called to the fact that in October last a donation of \$100, to the Missionary Fund of the Diocese, was received from the Rev. J. L. Gay, of Canada, which act of kindness and liberality deserves the grateful acknowledgment of the Convention.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions for the purpose of carrying into effect the objects herein proposed:

1st. That the Treasurer be instructed to apply by circular letter or otherwise to the several Parishes in arrears for past assessments, for immediate payment, to enable him to settle in full the salary of the Bishop to 1st instant, and that he be authorized to supply any deficiency out of the Permanent Fund, as proposed in the foregoing Report, to be returned, with interest, out of the surplus from future assessments.

2d. That, for the future support of the Bishop and expenses of Convention, each Parish be required to pay annually, in quarterly instalments, a sum equal to \$2 for each Communicant in such Parish.

3d. That, for the purpose of providing means for the Missionary work of the Diocese and for the Relief Fund, each Clergyman shall make regular monthly collections, bringing prominently to the attention of the people of his charge, on each occasion, the importance of the objects to which they are called upon to contribute; and transmit the amounts so raised to the Treasurer once in every three months.

A. J. DEROSSET, Ch'n.

On motion of A. J. DeRosset, the first resolution was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Hodges moved to amend the second resolution by striking out the words "two dollars," and inserting "one dollar and fifty cents." The motion to amend was lost.

On motion of A. J. DeRosset, the second resolution was adopted.

On motion of A. J. DeRosset, the third resolution was adopted.

The resolutions were then adopted as a whole.

On motion of S. L. Fremont,

Resolved, That that portion of the Report of the Treasurer of the Convention, in relation to a Permanent Episcopal Fund, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the education and religious instruction of the colored people, was presented and read:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which relates to the "education and religious instruction" of the colored people beg leave to report:

That from various circumstances they consider the subject before them as one requiring the prompt and earnest attention of the Church.

1st. That the colored people, by the act of emancipation, being suddenly placed in an entirely new position and in new relations, it is eminently expedient that they should possess such qualifications as will enable them the better to perform the new duties of their position. One of these qualifications is undoubtedly intellectual training. This they not only ought to receive, but are receiving from various quarters; and if it were only from a christian emulation, we ought not to suffer others to surpass us in so proper and necessary a work. But the acquisition of knowledge, like every other power, may, unless under the control of well-directed principle, be employed for evil as well as for good. The education of the mind should therefore, in all cases, and certainly not least in the present case, be accompanied by the education of the heart. Now the intellectual training of the freedmen, by others, may either be without the inculcation of religious and moral principle, or with such as we must necessarily consider defective or erroneous, or both; plainly then it is our duty to enter on this work with prompt and earnest action:

First. Because it is an emergency which must be met at once; a requirement which demands immediate fulfillment.

Secondly. That if it is a duty to be performed at all by any one, it is as much, to say the least, our duty as the duty of any other portion of the community.

Thirdly. Still more are we bound to engage at once in this work, in order that we may correct, as far as possible, the improper, defective and erroneous education which will otherwise be imparted.

From these considerations your Committee beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

1st. Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that the intellectual, as well as the moral, instruction of the colored people be attended to in every Parish, by the establishment of regular schools as well as Sunday schools, in which the principles of the Church shall be taught; or, where the former cannot be effected, by the establishment of Sunday schools; and that it be commended to the members of the Church, who are suitable for Catechists and teachers, as a christian duty to engage in this work without delay.

2d. Resolved, That whenever the Constitution and Canons of this Church

are complied with, colored men should be received into its ministry as spiritual teachers and pastors of their race.

3d. Resolved, That for the purpose of erecting Churches and school-houses for colored people, this Church is willing to receive aid from all sources.

The resolutions proposed by the Committee were adopted, *seriatim* and collectively.

On motion of A. J. DeRosset,

Resolved, That Canon xxi be repealed, and that the number of each of the succeeding Canons be reduced by one.

On motion of W. H. Battle, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the preceding resolution shall be accepted as the sense of the Convention, without lying over to another day or reference to a Committee.

The amendment moved by W. H. Battle to the resolution of R. H. Smith, in regard to the place at which the next Annual Convention shall meet, which was laid over on Thursday morning until 10 o'clock to-day, (to strike out "Calvary Church, Tarboro," and insert "Christ Church, Raleigh,") was taken up.

The amendment was lost.

On motion, the resolution was amended by striking out the words "fourth Friday in May," and inserting the words "first Wednesday in May." It was then passed.

Leave of absence was granted to R. H. Smith, R. T. Fulghum, S. F. Lord and J. A. Ferrell.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.

. 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

S. L. Fremont offered the following resolutions:

1st. Resolved, That nothing contained in the order of this Convention, postponing the election of an Assistant Bishop to the next Annual Convention, shall be considered as in any way expressing an opinion that the Bishop should not call a Special Convention for the election of an Assistant, should it, in his opinion, become expedient to do so at any time during the current year.

2d. Resolved, That when any Special Convention shall be called to elect a Bishop or an Assistant Bishop, or when notice is given by the Secretary that such election will come before a regular Annual Convention, the Vestry of each Parish shall, if it be necessary to obtain the attendance of at least one Delegate from such Parish, provide for the payment of his traveling expenses; provided, however, if the Vestry of any Parish fail to do this by reason of their inability or from other cause, such expense shall be paid out of the treasury of the Con-

vention, the certificate of the Rector of the Parish being evidence of such failure on the part of the Vestry.

The first resolution was adopted. The second did not pass. On motion of W. H. Battle,

Resolved, That the Convention go into the election of Treasurer of the Convention.

On motion, John Wilkes was re-elected Treasurer.

On motion of Rev. M. A. Curtis, D.D.,

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to attend, and represent the Diocese in, the Pan-Anglican Council called by the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, to meet in London in the month of September next; and that the Treasurer of the Convention furnish the means necessary to enable him to do so.

Dr. Curtis stated, in order that the Bishop might feel no delicacy in complying with the request of the Convention, that the requisite funds had been provided for the purpose by private subscription.

On motion of W. H. Battle, the Convention went into the election of a Standing Committee. Balloting was dispensed with, and the Committee elected, on motion, as follows: Rev. R. S. Mason, D.D., Rev. F. M. Hubbard, D.D., Rev. Aldert Smedes, D.D., Kemp P. Battle, Geo. W. Mordecai.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully report: That having carefully examined the Parochial Reports, and that portion of the Bishop's Address referred to them, they are enabled to present the following statement of the condition of the Diocese:

During the past Conventional year there have been 496 Baptisms, 180 Adult and 316 Infant. The number of Catechumens reported is 2094, and the number of persons confirmed 344. There have been 150 Marriages and 250 Funerals. The number of Communicants reported, from less than two-thirds of the Parishes in the Diocese, 2812. The amount of the contributions to various Church objects is \$12,416 06.

The Committee believe that this statement furnishes evidence of substantial progress in the Church in this Diocese. The number of Baptisms greatly exceeds that of former years, and the number of persons confirmed, in the single visitation that the Bishop has been able to make, is considerably greater than that of any previous year; while the additions to the Communion have been unusually large.

The Committee are gratified to discover indications of an increasing interest,

on the part of both the Clergy and the Laity, in the education and religious instruction of the colored people.

Another cause of gratulation the Committee find in the fact of the unprecedented number of young men seeking the Ministry of the Church. The number of candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese is ten, and the Committee have been informed that there are others who are about to make application to be received as candidates.

Upon the whole, the Committee find ample cause for thankfulness in view of the manifest tokens of divine favor vouchsafed to us during the past year; and in view of the increasing interest in the Church, observable on all sides, abundant reason for the hope that a brighter day than she has yet known is dawning upon the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWIN GEER, Ch'n.

The Finance Committee made an additional Report:

ADDITIONAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

In addition to the subjects referred to in the Report of the Committee on Finance, already submitted to the Convention, their attention has been specially directed to the proposition contained in the Treasurer's Report to increase the Permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate to thirty thousand dollars.

The Committee believe that it is in the power of the Churchmen of North Carolina, even under the present depressed financial condition of the State, to raise the amount proposed, or as much more as may be necessary, to place the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese beyond contingency, and to relieve the Parishes from the assessments which are now necessarily imposed upon them.

The Committee has therefore no hesitation in recommending that an effort be made to increase the Fund to *fifty thousand dollars*; and the plan which, in their opinion, would be most likely to be successful, is to receive subscriptions from individuals or clubs, of five hundred dollars each—such subscriptions to be paid either in cash, or in bonds well secured by mortgage on real property within the State.

On this plan the Committee recommend that subscriptions be solicited, to be binding only when one-half the proposed amount has been secured, and to be extended, if possible, to the whole amount of \$50,000; the matter to be placed in the hands of a Committee of earnest Churchmen, resident in different parts of the State, who will communicate with each other and bring it in the way they may think best to the attention of those who are blessed with the ability to aid in the accomplishment of an object of so much importance to our Church, and report at the next Annual Convention the result of their efforts.

In accordance with these suggestions, the following resolution is proposed for the adoption of the Convention, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee of —— persons be appointed to solicit contributions on the plan proposed in the foregoing Report, or on any other plan which may seem good to said Committee for increasing the Permanent Episcopal Fund to an amount not less than thirty thousand, and if possible to fifty thousand, dollars.

On motion of S. L. Fremont,

Resolved, That the blank in the resolution reported by the Finance Committee be filled with the word seven.

S. L. Fremont moved to amend, by substituting for the resolution of the Committee as amended:

Resolved, That a Committee of seven be appointed to represent the Diocese at large, whose duty it shall be to devise the ways and means of raising, in the shortest practicable time, a fund for the support of the Episcopate, and to invest the same securely; the income of which to be paid semi-annually into the treasury of the Diocese.

K. P. Battle moved to amend the amendment, by striking out the words "seven persons to represent the Diocese at large," and inserting "three persons, with power to appoint sub-committees." This was passed.

S. L. Fremont moved to amend by inserting after the word "persons" "residing in Raleigh." This was carried.

On motion, the second amendment of S. L. Fremont, and the amendment of K. P. Battle, were reconsidered.

On motion of S. L. Fremont, the substitute for the resolution of the Committee, offered by him, was then adopted.

The Chair appointed S. L. Fremont, W. R. Cox, John Wilkes, John Hughes, J. G. Martin, W. A. B. Norcom and R. T. Fulghum to serve on this Committee.

On motion of S. L. Fremont, it was

Resolved, That the smallest amount necessary to effect the object desired by the foregoing resolution be \$50,000.

The attention of the Convention was called to the statement on the title-page of the 'Constitution and Canons,' published by order of the last Convention, in the words "Revised and adopted, May 1866," which it was said was not true. The Secretary stated, in explanation, that the last Convention instructed him, by a resolution, (which may be found on page 22 of the Journal,) to substitute the word "Convention" for the word "Council," wherever it occurred in the Constitution, Canons, or proceedings, &c. &c. That this occasioned many changes, and that the statement was put on the title-page by the printers, (he thinks,) who supposed that to be a revision, and was not noticed by him in reading the proof.

On motion of Rev. H. A. Skinner,

In consideration of the able, disinterested and self-sacrificing efforts of the Rev. Dr. Hubbard and John Wilkes, Esq., to maintain the "Church Intelligencer" as the organ of this and other Southern Dioceses:

Resolved, That the hearty acknowledgments of the Convention are due and are hereby tendered to those gentlemen.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Hodges,

Resolved, That all the Clergy of this Diocese, the Lay Delegates of this Convention, and all others interested, be requested to solicit subscriptions to the "Church Intelligencer," and that they report to the publisher of the paper the result of their efforts by the 1st day of August next.

On motion of Rev. A. A. Watson,

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to publish, as an Appendix to the Journal, a tabular view of the Parochial Reports; which shall present not only a statement of the items actually reported, but also, by the corresponding blanks, a statement of failures to report items called for by Canon.

On motion of Rev. F. M. Hubbard,

Resolved, That the members of this Convention earnestly desire the Bishop to arrange the time and continuance of his visitation of the several Parishes of the Diocese with especial regard to the state of his own health; and that they would prefer a complete visitation once in two, or even three years, without danger to that great interest of us all, rather than an annual visitation with any such risk.

On motion of A. J. DeRosset,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have published 1500 copies of the Journal for distribution.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Hilliard,

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to prepare a blank form of Parochial Reports, and send five or more copies to each Clergyman of the Diocese; also a form in triplicate of a Certificate of Lay Delegation, to be distributed to the Clergy.

On motion of J. G. Martin,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be, and he is hereby, directed to pay the subscription for one copy of the "Spirit of Missions," for the use of the Executive Missionary Committee; and that the Vestry of every Parish in the Diocese be earnestly requested to subscribe for one copy of the same for their Rector.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet this evening immediately after Divine Service.

Divine Service was celebrated in the evening. Rev. J. C. Huske preached the Missionary Sermon, on the text: "He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see.

And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes." St. Mark, vi: 38.

About \$135 was collected.

10 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the day's proceedings were read, corrected and approved.

On motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

W. N. TILLINGHAST, Sec'y.

On Sunday morning Edw'd Wooten was ordained Deacon. Rev. W. E. Snowden preached the sermon, on II Cor., iv: 7: "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." The Bishop administered the Communion to the Clergy, and Rev. Dr. Mason and Rev. J. C. Huske to the Laity.

On Sunday evening, Rev. W. C. Hunter preached the sermon, on St. Matt., xiii: 30: "Let both grow together until the harvest."

The Bishop confirmed 25 persons.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Report of Rev. R. W. Barber, Missionary in Wilkes, Iredell and Yadkin Counties.

Baptisms—Infant, white 2, colored 3.	5
Catechumens—White,	30
Communicants—Number last year, white 28, colored 7; added by removal, white 1; lost by death, colored 1; total now, white 29, colored 6.	35
Funeral—Colored,	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$8 00
Bishop's salary,	12 00
Domestic Missions,	4 00
Parochial objects.	5 50

	\$29 50

R. W. BARBER.

Report of Rev. S. S. Barber, Missionary in Hyde County.

Owing to the impaired state of my health, which totally disqualified me for duty during the entire Fall and Winter seasons, and to the failure of the Bishop to reach his appointment in this County, in consequence of the then impassable condition of the roads, there is little to report from this interesting field, except a gradual but steady increase of the congregations that attend our services, and growth of confidence in, and love for, the Church. About one hundred copies of the Prayer Book—kindly furnished by the Prayer Book Societies in New York and Philadelphia—have been distributed with good results. I have concentrated my labors at two points about ten miles distant, at each of which I preach twice every alternate Sunday, to large and growing congregations. The prejudices hitherto existing are rapidly giving way, and all who have books cheerfully participate in the services.

Since the last Convention, I have the following acts to report:

Baptisms—White Infant,	6
Marriage—Colored,	1
Funeral—White,	1

There are about ten resident Communicants in the County; four candidates for Confirmation (reported) awaiting the Bishop's visitation, with a goodly number of others who are looking forward hopefully to the day when they may feel willing and prepared to take upon themselves those solemn vows of re-dedication to the service of God.

On the whole, there is much here to encourage and stimulate Missionary effort, and I pray God to give me grace and strength and zeal to labor faithfully and successfully in building up His Church here.

S. S. BARBER.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR, JACKSON, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Confirmation,	1
Communicants,	10
Deaths,	4
Contributions for Bishop's salary,	\$18 50
Our little flock has been very much reduced, and suffered for the want of a Minister since September 1865.	

WM. BARROW, S. W.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBORO'.

Rev. C. T. BLAND, Rector.

Baptisms—Colored Infant,	3
Catechumens—White,	22
Communicants—Number last year, white 29, colored 1: added by first Communion, white 1; lost by removal, white 2, colored 1; total now, white,	210
Marriages—White 2, colored 3,	5
Funerals—White 2, colored 1,	3
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$8 00
Domestic Missions,	5 00
Parochial objects,	56 87
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	\$71 87

C. T. BLAND.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHARLOTTE.

Rev. B. S. BRONSON, Rector.

Communicants—White 37, colored 4,	41
Burials—White,	2
Catechumens (about)	40
Contributions—Bishop's Fund,	\$60 00
Diocesan Missions,	60 00
Relief Fund,	20 00
Other offerings, about	300 00
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	\$440 00

I took charge of this Parish in February, and report as Communicants only those who have communed during my Rectorship. The prospects of the Church in this rapidly-growing city, under the blessing of God, I regard as promising.

BENJ'N S. BRONSON.

TRINITY CHURCH, ASHEVILLE.

Rev. J. BUXTON, Rector.

Baptism—White Infant,	1
Marriage—White,	1
Communicants—Added by first Communion 1, by removal 6; lost by removal 3; present number	41

Contributions—Assessment, (in full.)	\$40 00
Communion offerings since July 8th,	86 90
General Domestic and Foreign Missions,	7 70
Offerings for current expenses,	50 30
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	\$184 90

The Communion offerings were appropriated by the Vestry, as last year, toward the support of the Minister. We have two licensed Lay-Readers in this Parish, to both of whom, for services in various ways zealously rendered, the Parish is greatly indebted.

Within the last few months a promising field for a Mission Sunday School and services has been opened on Beaver Dam, three miles from town. When it was found necessary to have a house of our own, the people there contributed help toward erecting the building on a site given. Moneys to the amount of \$45, contributed from Asheville, with more provided for, have enabled us to finish the building so far as to be used for services and the school, each Sunday afternoon. It is an interesting fact that the service-desk which was first used in Asheville nearly 20 years ago, before the building of the Church, and has been kept in the Vestry-Room as a memorial of the olden time, has again come into use in this Mission Chapel. May it prove a happy omen of Church extension from this centre! Five or six young persons, out of the Asheville congregation, have volunteered their services as teachers. Scholars about 32, and the number increasing. Attendants on services between 50 and 60 thus far. By the use of "the Mission Service" sent by the General Domestic Committee, the congregation is enabled to use the service of the Prayer Book without difficulty, as the parts of it are there arranged in the order of use, for the benefit of persons unaccustomed to the Prayer Book. Donations of Tracts and Prayer Books have also been made, by friends at the North, for this Mission. Mr. Frank Murdoch, candidate for Orders and Lay-Reader, deserves to be mentioned particularly for his zealous labors in this cause.

This Mission affords a specimen of what could be done within this vicinity, and throughout Buncombe County and adjoining Counties, by the aid of an Associated Mission at this point. The time has come for enlargement, or else the work of the Gospel in the Church must continue to languish on within old narrow parochial limits. Laborers must be had to evangelize the people in the country, as well as in towns and villages, by regular, systematic, combined work. This seems now to be the pressing want of the Church, with fields white for harvesting spreading out so broadly and invitingly all around her. Firmly persuaded of the necessity of meeting this want by special effort, I have devoted myself, according to a plan of mine own, to carrying out the errand, imposed upon me by the Standing Committee under resolution of the last Convention, of collecting funds abroad for setting in immediate operation our Missionary College at Asheville; not forgetting, but rather strengthened and sustained by the thought, that issues are from God, who yet requireth the use of reasonable means, as well as constant prayer, in acknowledgment of His all-disposing sovereignty.

JARVIS BUXTON.

CALVARY CHURCH, TARBORO'.

Rev. JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Rector

Baptisms—Infant, white 7, colored 2; Adult, white 2, colored 1,	12
Confirmations,	10
Communicants—White 48, colored 3,	51
Marriages—White 6, colored 2,	8
Funerals,	3
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$60 00
Bishop's salary,	70 00
Relief Fund,	20 00

TRINITY CHURCH, SCOTLAND NECK.

Rev. JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Rector.

Baptisms—White Infant,	5
Confirmation,	1
Communicants—White 73, colored 12.	85
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	5
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$80 00
Bishop's salary,	70 00
Relief Fund,	20 00

\$170 00

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBORO'.

Rev. M. A. CURTIS, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 7, Adult 1,	8
Communicants,	62
Funerals—White 4, colored 1,	5
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, Bishop's salary, Relief Fund, \$150 00	
Other objects,	75 00

\$225 00

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, ORANGE COUNTY.

Rev. M. A. CURTIS, D.D., Minister.

Communicants—White,	13
Contributions,	\$5 33
Religious services monthly,	

M. A. CURTIS.

ST. PHILIP'S CHAPEL, SMITHVILLE.

Present number of Communicants,	9
Catechumens,	20

Since we obtained possession of the Chapel from the military, it has been twice opened for Divine Service—the Rev. R. E. Terry, of St. John's, Wilmington, officiating.

A class of 12 or 13 candidates awaits the Bishop's visitation, to be confirmed. The Sunday School and Class in Singing meet regularly every Sunday.

The little flock, though scattered, desires to have again the regular services of the Church; and to a resident Pastor, a salary of ten or twelve hundred dollars, from the congregation, Parish school and other sources, would be paid.

W. G. CURTIS, M.D., Vestryman.

Report of Rev. Luther Eborn, Deacon, Missionary in Beaufort and Hyde Counties.

From the date of my last report to the beginning of the present ecclesiastical year, I held regular services in Zion Church, and at the Missionary Station at Barrow's Fork; also, for several months, at Shiloh, all in Beaufort County. The last place is an entirely new Missionary point, where the Church has never before been introduced, but from the desire the people manifest to become acquainted with the Church and engage in its services, there is reason to believe that much good can here be effected.

The beginning of December last I removed to Hyde County, and have since (so far as circumstances have permitted,) filled appointments at Sladesville, Swan Quarter and Pungo Chapel, the last in Beaufort County.

This is a Missionary field, I conceive, of no little importance. Many years ago, even before our Diocese was organized, a faithful messenger of the Gospel of peace, the fruit of whose labor is now apparent in many portions of this region, visited this field, collected a congregation of worshippers, and caused a house of worship to be erected. Time, through many years of neglect, has nearly obliterated every vestige of that toilsome labor. The house of God then built has decayed, the flock is scattered, and the people are now languishing and perishing for want of the Bread of eternal life!

As your Missionary's present work is to sow the seed, he cannot yet report the production of any matured fruit; but he confidently believes that persevering and patient labor will be abundantly rewarded.

The following official acts, during the past Conventional year, are reported:

IN ZION PARISH—Baptized, Infants, white 3, colored 2; Buried 5; solemnized one Marriage.

ST. THOMAS'S, BATH—Buried one.

AT BARROW'S FORK—Baptized one child and officiated at one burial.

PUNGO CHAPEL—Baptized one infant.

AT SLADESVILLE—Performed one burial service.

LUTHER EBORN.

CALVARY CHURCH, HENDERSON COUNTY.

Rev. GEO. M. EVERHART, Rector.

Communicants—White,	10
Catechumens,	68
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$15 00
Bishop's salary,	5 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
Sunday School,	25 00
Other objects,	2 50
	52 50

The effects of the war are visible even here, not only in the impoverishment of once very wealthy persons, and the thinning down the number of Communicants to the few reported, but the beautiful Gothic brick Church Building has been no little injured by soldiers; the stained-glass windows are nearly all broken, and the carpets and furniture stolen or defaced.

I took charge of this Church, and St. James's, Hendersonville, last November. My broken health drove me to this salubrious region, where, I trust, I may be useful as an humble Missionary of the Cross.

ST. JAMES'S, HENDERSONVILLE.

I have found not one Communicant belonging to this Parish. Two or three persons, at one time in their lives, did commune, but they decline now to avail themselves of this Holy Sacrament. The prospect for building up the Church in this place is not encouraging, though my congregations are usually very good.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$5 00
Bishop's salary,	3 00
Relief Fund,	2 00
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	\$10 00

G. M. EVERHART.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. E. M. FORBES, Rector.

Catechumens,	100
Baptisms—Infant 16, Adult 13,	29
Marriages,	12
Burials,	15
Confirmations,	41
Communicants—Number last year 75; present number	103
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$145 00
Missionary Fund,	116 00
Relief Fund,	29 00
Parochial purposes,	400 00
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	\$690 00

All the colored Communicants have been transferred to St. Cyprian's, of which Rev. H. A. Skinner is Rector.

E. M. FORBES.

Report of Rev. Israel Harding, in charge of the Missionary field in Beaufort County.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, BATH.

Baptisms—Adult, white 1, colored 1; colored Infant 1,	3
Confirmations,	7
Funerals,	3
Communicants—White 30, colored 2,	32
Catechumens—White,	20
Contributions—Assessment,	\$7 00
Parochial objects,	6 00

ZION CHURCH.

Confirmation,	1
Funeral,	1
Communicants—White,	50

ST. JOHN'S, DURHAM'S CREEK.

Baptism—White Adult,	1
Confirmations,	5
Communicants—White,	8
Marriage,	1
Contributions—For Assessment,	\$5 00

The Offertory collections in all the above-named Parishes, amounting in the aggregate to quite a meagre sum, have been appropriated to the support of the Minister.

In addition to the services held in St. John's Church, several services have been performed in the Methodist congregation at South Creek, which seemed to be appreciated.

ISRAEL HARDING.

GRACE CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

Rev. T. B. HAUGHTON, Deacon.

Baptisms—Infant, white 9, colored 6; white Adult 5,	20
Catechumens—White,	25
Confirmations—White 6, colored 1,	7
Communicants—White 36, colored 2,	38
Marriages—White 5, colored 2,	7
Funerals—White 10, colored 1,	11
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$10 00
Diocesan Missions,	15 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
Domestic and Foreign Missions,	8 00
“Sons of the Clergy” Fund,	10 35
Parochial purposes,	29 73
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ST. LUKE'S, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Rev. T. B. HAUGHTON, Missionary.

Baptisms—White Infant,	7
Confirmations—White,	3
Communicants—White 13, colored 2,	15
Marriage—White,	1
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$10 00
Missionary Fund,	5 00
Parochial purposes,	8 60
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	\$23 60

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, WILLIAMSTON.

Rev. T. B. HAUGHTON, Missionary

Catechumens—White.	25
Confirmations—White 2, colored 6.	8
Communicants—White 12, colored 9,	21
Marriages—Colored,	2
Funeral—White,	1
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$10 00
Missionary Fund,	15 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
Domestic and Foreign Missions.	7 00
Parochial purposes,	20 29
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	\$57 29

T. B. HAUGHTON.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. FRANCIS W. HILLIARD, Rector.

Communicants—Number reported last year, (without Register,) about 100; actual number last year, (Register being found and compared,) 133; added by first Communion 16, by removal 7; lost by death 4, by removal 3; present number, white 92, col'd 57,	149
Baptismus—White Infant 7, colored Adult 2.	9
Confirmations—White 8, colored 1,	9
Catechumens—White, about 50, colored uncertain.	50
Marriages—Colored,	4
Burials—White 7, colored 3,	10
Contributions—Bishop's salary and Contingent Fund,	\$250 00
Diocesan Missions,	122 09
Relief Fund,	50 00
Albemarle Convocation.	25 57
Parochial objects,	235 40
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	\$683 06

The work of the Church in this Parish, during the past year, has been mainly one of resuscitation. From various causes, its condition upon my first careful inspection, after assuming the Rectorship in April 1866, was found to be one of great depression and religious indifference. To remove this, by the Divine blessing, has been my main object, and I rejoice to say that, although few have been added to the list of Communicants by confirmation, yet the return to a participation in the Holy Eucharist of some who had long neglected it, and its reception for the first time by others, confirmed in past years, give evidence of success in this effort. Nor are these the only indications of improvement. The congregations are larger and more serious; increased interest is manifested in the Sunday School and in the public Catechisings, and in particular the male members of the Parish manifest a much more active concern in its affairs.

A Parochial School has been organized, and, in the primary department, un-

der the charge of a zealous and devoted lady, is in highly successful operation. The children are taught the Catechism daily, and attend the daily public service in the Church. I am also about establishing a free school for poor white children, to be taught by several members of the Parish in rotation; and a Sunday School, with occasional services by the Rector, will soon be commenced at some point in the country. The children of the Church have been benefited as well as pleased by Festivals of their own during Christmas and Easter weeks.

The colored people have not been neglected. They are called to Service and Sunday School every Sunday afternoon; and though they do not attend in large numbers, yet those members of the Church among them, who have strayed away, are visibly returning to her fold. So many of them, in fact, have come from time to time to the Lord's Supper, that I have felt justified in reporting, as Communicants, all those whose names I have found in the Parish Register, and who are not known to have died or removed.

The material, and indirectly the spiritual, interests of the Parish have been much advanced by the repairing of the Rectory, which had become greatly dilapidated, and by the placing in the Church tower of a noble bell, weighing upwards of a thousand pounds, the gift, by her will, of a faithful Communicant. It was rung for the first time on Christmas morning.

On the whole though, in addition to the troubles belonging to the times, we are called, both Pastor and people, to suffer much from sickness incident to the climate; and though, from this same cause, there is a necessary interruption of much of the Church's work, during nearly three months of every year, we have reason to thank God for the past, and to take hope and courage for the future.

With reference to the offerings, as compared with those of last year, it should be borne in mind, that then there was no Rector to support, while this year the Rector's salary has been duly paid.

FRANCIS W. HILLIARD.

Report of Rev. Horace G. Hilton, Deacon, Assistant to Rev. Israel Harding, Rector.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, BATH.

Having been ordained but a short time, I have but one official act to communicate, viz: one Marriage

Since my ordination, this Church has been open and services performed every Sunday but one, on which occasion I filled Brother Israel Harding's appointment at Zion Church, in this County. The services have been well attended, and the Sunday School is now quite promising. I trust that, by the grace of God, with constant earnestness and zeal, to be instrumental in His hands in reviving the former interests in the old Church here, and in the promotion of her welfare and prosperity, to the good of souls and the glory of His great name.

HORACE G. HILTON.

EMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON.

Rev. WILLIAM HODGES, D.D., Rector.

Communicants—Last reported 85; died 1, removed 7, added 5; present number,	*83
Catechumens (about)	60
Marriages—White 9, colored 9,	18
Funerals,	5
Contributions—Episcopal Fund,	\$85 00
Relief Fund,	25 00
Diocesan Missions,	52 00
Alms and various Parochial objects, about	300 00
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	\$462 00

The Sunday School of this Parish is apparently in a prosperous state.

WILLIAM HODGES.

*The class for *confirmation*, awaiting the visit of the Bishop, is not included in the above estimate.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, CHAPEL HILL.

I have had charge of this Parish during the past year. In that time I have officiated at one colored Marriage, one Infant Baptism, and five Funerals.

The number of Communicants is not far from 50. The collections at the Weekly Offertory amount to \$97 55, beside the sum, \$55, raised for the assessment of this Parish.

F. M. HUBBARD.

Report of Rev. N. Collin Hughes, Rector of Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County, and St. Paul's Church, Greenville.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BEAUFORT.

Baptisms—White, Infant 4, Adult 1,	5
Confirmations—White,	17
Communicants—Added, white 20; present number, white 50, colored 2,	52
Marriages—Colored,	2
Funerals—White Adult,	4
Sunday School Scholars—White 56, colored 18,	74
Collections—Bishop's salary,	\$16 00
Diocesan Missions,	20 00
Relief Fund,	10 00
Other purposes,	18 00
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	\$64 00

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

In this Parish I officiate only on one Sunday in each month. A desire having been expressed for additional services, the Rev. Mr. Harding has assisted me for a few months past, rendering a monthly service.

Confirmation—White,	1
Communicants—Added, white 2; removed 7; present number, white 23, colored 1,	24

Marriage—White,	1
Sunday School Scholars—White,	10
Collections—Bishop's salary,	\$18 00
Diocesan Missions,	10 00
Other purposes,	10 00
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	\$38 00

N. COLLIN HUGHES.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, GOLDSBORO.

Rev. W. C. HUNTER, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Adult 5, Infant 6,	11
Confirmations—White,	5
Communicants—Number last year 47; died, removed and withdrawn	
9; added 4; total now,	42
Marriages—White,	2
Burials—White,	8
Contributions—Bishop's salary and Contingent,	\$25 00
Missionary Fund,	30 00
Relief Fund,	10 00
For other purposes,	173 14
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	\$283 14

W. C. HUNTER.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. J. C. HUSKE, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 21, colored 1; Adult, white 1, colored 1,	24
Confirmations—White 8, colored 5,	13
Communicants—Added, white 10, colored 1, by removal, white 7;	
lost by death, white 3, by removal, white 23, colored 2; present number, white 159, colored 13.	172
Catechumens—White 85, colored 125,	210
Marriages—White 5, colored 1,	6
Funerals—White 20, colored 1,	21
Confederate soldiers re-interred,	10
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$146 00
Parochial charity,	141 95
White Sunday School,	45 00
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	\$332 95

This Parish has lost heavily by removal during the past year, and has not gained numerically as much as last year. But I am pleased to think that it exhibits more life—more practical good works—than ever before since I have been its Rector. Its contributions to the general funds of the Church are, indeed, much less than usual; but this is owing, not to the want of disposition to give to the cause of Christ, but to the want of means.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of this Parish have established a Free School

for the education of the poor white children of this town, which numbers about 50 scholars, and which, judging from the interest taken in it, we may reasonably hope will be made permanent.

The white Sunday School, which has always exerted a good influence, especially upon the poorer classes of this town, is still kept up by a devoted band of teachers, under the zealous supervision of its superintendent, and numbers about 85 scholars, which would be increased but for the difficulties of the times—many not being able to clothe themselves properly, and the Church being unable to assist them.

A colored Sunday School, under the auspices of this congregation, and taught by the members of our Church, is also in successful operation, having an average attendance of 125 scholars.

There is also a day school for colored children now in operation in this Parish, under the direction of the Freedmen's Commission of our Church, numbering 135 to 140 scholars. These schools appear to have had a very decided effect in increasing the attendance of the colored people on the services of our Church. The demands upon my time and strength are so great now that I can do nothing for them by way of regular service, but I have no doubt a congregation of colored people of our Church could be established, if I had a Minister to assist me.

I have preached twice, and administered the Communion once, at Rockfish during the year, at which services I baptized three white Infants. There are still, notwithstanding the dispersion incident to the times, about 35 Communicants of our Church in and about the village of Rockfish. They can do but little in the way of supporting a Minister, but I think it would be wise, as well as charitable, in the Missionary Committee, to do something, if possible, to assist these people, who, though poor, are yet warmly attached to the Church. I have offered to give them a monthly service on a week day, which is the best I can do for them under present circumstances.

J. C. HUSKE.

ST. JOHN'S, PITTS COUNTY.

Rev. S. W. KENNERLY, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant 10; Adult, white 1, colored 1,	12
Confirmations—White 12, colored 1,	13
Communicants—White 33, colored 7,	40
Marriage,	1
Contributions,	\$3 50

The great need of this Parish is a house in which the congregation can worship, "decently and in order." A great portion of the Communicants are young people and females, whose means are small. The prospects for a large and effective Communion are very flattering. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, and the high waters at the time of the visitation of our Bishop, one-half of the candidates for the rite of confirmation were prevented from meeting the Bishop, and consequently were compelled to await another visitation, which we have regretted. We trust that, ere another year shall have passed away, St. John's Parish will have a house of its own, in which the congregation of the Parish can assemble and worship.

MISSION STATIONS.

I have established and attended Missionary Stations in the Counties of Craven, Pitt, Lenoir and Greene. I have been well received, the congregations good, and at some of the Stations large, with an evidently increasing interest in the services of the Church. I am receiving calls for an extension of the Mission. I am more and more encouraged with the prospects of the extension of the Church in this hitherto neglected portion of the Diocese. I have administered the holy sacrament of Baptism at the different Stations, as follows:

Children 7, Adults 2,	9
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S. W. KENNERLY.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. M. M. MARSHALL, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 10; Adult, white 4, colored 1,	15
Catechumens,	60
Confirmations—White 13, colored 1,	14
Communicants—Number last year, white 68, colored 4; lost by death, white 4, by removal, white 5; added, by removal, white 5, colored 5, by first Communion, white 13, colored 1; present number, white 77, col'd 10,	87
Marriages—White,	3
Burials—White, Adult 7, Infant 5,	12
Contributions—Assessment for Bishop's salary and Contingent, \$40 00	
Missionary Fund,	50 00
Relief Fund,	20 00
Domestic Missions,	40 09
Albemarle Convocation,	15 50
Domestic Missions by S. S. children,	7 00
Parochial objects, including—	
Weekly offerings,	\$145 83
Communion alms, (not reported un- der other items)	63 89
From "A Friend to the Parish," for converting Parochial School-house into a Rectory,	125 00
Raised by the Ladies for furnishing Rectory,	100 00
The generous donation of Thos. Har- ney, Esq., of Litchfield, Conn., for the S. S. Library,	50 00
F'm Parishioners, for S. S. Christmas- Tree.	36 50
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Total, (not including Rector's salary,)	\$693 81

Of the Burials above reported, one of an Adult and one of an Infant were in Currituck County; one of an Adult was in Camden, and one of an Infant, (in the absence of the Rector,) was performed by the Senior Warden of the Parish, R.

B. Creecy, Esq., who very kindly and regularly ministers to the congregation as Lay-Reader, in the Rector's absence.

M. M. MARSHALL.

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white	14	colored	2;	white	Adult	3,	19
Catechumens—White	140,	colored	50.				190
Confirmations—White,							9
Communicants—Number last year	147;	added by first Communion,					
white	11,	by removal, white	5;	lost by death,			
white	2,	by removal, white	4;	present number			156
Marriages—White	2,	colored	2,				4
Funerals,							10
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,						\$200	00
Bishop's salary,						250	00
Parochial objects, about						1270	00
							\$1720 00

Connected with this Parish is a school for colored children, taught by a competent and faithful instructor employed by the Freedmen's Commission in New York. The number who attend is 70, of whom 50, as reported, attend the Sunday School. Great difficulty has hitherto existed in procuring a suitable room for the instruction of the colored people, but through the liberality of the Freedmen's Bureau, and especially of Gen. Howard, it is hoped a building, to be erected for the purpose, will be permanently obtained.

R. S. MASON.

Report of Colored Congregation worshipping in St. Paul's Church, Wilmington.

Rev. DANIEL MORRELLE, Deacon in charge.

Marriages,	7			
Baptisms—Infant	7,	Adult	1,	8
Catechumens, about				280
Confirmations,				11
Communicants, (added by first Communion 7,)				43
Contributions—By weekly offertory,				\$377 19
In other ways,				57 07
				\$434 26

There is a colored day school kept in the Church building, comprising 280 pupils, and employing four white teachers paid by the P. E. Freedmen's Commission in New York.

Full choral services were commenced in this congregation on Easter Sunday, and they seem likely, under the Divine blessing, to prove instrumental in attracting and building up a large congregation.

DANIEL MORRELLE.

Report of Rev. Jos. W. Murphy, late Rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.

Baptisms—White 4, colored 7,	11
Marriages—White 6, colored 3,	9
Burial—White,	1
Number of Communicants left in the Parish, about	40

With respect to this, and also the contributions of the Parish, I cannot report definitely, in consequence of not having brought the necessary notes with me.

My resignation took effect April 8, 1867. I left the Parish with regret, in obedience to what I conceived to be a strong call of duty.

Mr. Fred. A. Fetter was, on my recommendation, appointed Lay-Reader before I left, and now serves the congregation acceptably.

I am engaged in the Allentown Academy, and have a call to one of the Churches in the city.

JOSEPH W. MURPHY.

Report of Rev. G. W. Phelps, Deacon.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, GATESVILLE.

During the first part of the Conventional year I preached at St. David's, Scuppernong.* I came to Gatesville about the 18th of October, since which time I have preached at St. Mary's Church and Lassiter's Chapel regularly upon alternate Sundays.

Baptisms—*At St. David's, white Infant,	2
“ At St. Mary's Church, Gatesville, white, Infant 2, Adult 4,	6
Confirmations—White,	10
Pupils in Sunday Schools—White 20, colored 18,	38
Funerals—White,	2
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$9 00

LASSITER'S CHAPEL, GATES COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, Infant 4, Adult 1,	5
Confirmations—White 2, colored 2,	4
Pupils in Sunday School, (white,) about	16
Funeral—White,	1
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$6 25

G. W. PHELPS.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOUISBURG.

Rev. JOS. JAS. RIDLEY, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms—Adult, white 2, colored 3; Infant, white 6, colored 1,	12
Communicants—Added by first Communion, white 7, colored 2, by transfer, white 5; lost by removal, white 1; number now, white 36, colored 2,	38
Burial—White,	1
Contributions—From Offertory,	\$69 01

Disbursements—Domestic Missions,	11 25
Repairs and other Church expenses,	55 73
	66 98

Assessment for Convention has not been collected.

There has been no Episcopal visitation within the Parish during the pastoral charge of the present Rector. One person was confirmed at St. Mary's, Raleigh. It gives me much happiness to be able to say, that the condition of the Parish is in a high degree prosperous. The membership of the Church has been nearly doubled within the year; our congregations have improved; my services with the Freedmen have been much blessed. The experience of the past year demonstrates the fact that our services are eminently suited to the colored race. We have two candidates for Holy Orders, giving promise of usefulness in the Ministry. I deeply regret that I am to leave the Parish without having had an opportunity of presenting an interesting class of candidates for confirmation.

JOS. JAS. RIDLEY.

GRACE CHURCH, MORGANTON.

Rev. S. C. ROBERTS, late Rector.

Baptisms—White Infant,	7
Catechumens,	20
Communicants,	46
Marriages—White.	2
Burials—White 1, colored 2,	3
Contributions—Missionary Fund,	\$15 00
Bishop's salary,	15 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
Domestic Missions,	5 00
Parochial objects,	40 00
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	\$80 00

I resigned the charge of this Parish on the 1st of April, and received letters dimissory to the Diocese of Virginia. The people are reduced in circumstances, as in other sections of our Southern country, but I have good reason to believe that my successor will experience the same warm sympathy and regard which was bestowed so freely upon myself during my connection with them as Rector.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, LENOIR.

Rev. S. C. ROBERTS, late Rector.

Baptisms—White Infant.	2
Communicants,	20
Burials,	2
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$10 00
Missionary Fund,	15 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
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	\$30 00

I resigned the charge of this Parish on the 1st of April. With more regular visitations of the Minister, in the Parish and Missionary Stations around, than

the former Minister was able to give, it would become much more vigorous. I doubt not but that a Minister, devoted entirely to this field, besides enjoying the warm-heartedness of the people, would be supported.

S. C. ROBERTS.

MISSION TO THE NEGROES. NEWBERN, N. C.

Baptisms,	81
Catechumens,	340
Confirmations,	35
Marriages,	6
Funerals,	2
Communicants,	45
Offerings for Parochial objects and support of Ministry.	\$110 84

The undersigned respectfully reports, that he assumed charge of this Mission on the 1st of June 1866, under the Rev. E. M. Forbes, Rector of the Parish of Christ Church, Newbern; and that he has organized a congregation under the name of "St. Cyprian's," with encouraging prospects of success.

A Sunday School, numbering upwards of one hundred children, is connected with the Mission, and principally taught by negro teachers of both sexes.

Another class is forming, of candidates for confirmation, awaiting the next visitation of the Bishop.

A Vestry was Canonically elected on Easter Monday, out of the male Communicants, and their first business was to make arrangements for contributing something regularly to the support of their Minister.

From the general indications, there is reason to believe that the Church will gather in many of these people in this community.

H. A. SKINNER.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, RALEIGH.

Right Rev. THOS. ATKINSON, D.D., Visitor.

Rev. ALDERT SMEDES, D.D., Rector.

Rev. BENNETT SMEDES, A.M., Assistant.

Confirmed,	6
Resident Communicants,	10
Pupils who are Communicants are reported by their respective Pastors.	
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$20 00
Missionary Fund,	60 00
Relief Fund,	20 00
Other objects,	104 52

	\$204 52

ALDERT SMEDES.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BEAUFORT.

Rev. W. E. SNOWDEN, Rector.

Rev. D. D. VAN ANTWERP, late Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 24, Adult 5,	29
Catechumens,	72

Communicants—White 34, colored 3,	37
Marriages—White 1, colored 1,	2
Funerals—White,	2
Contributions—Parochial objects,	\$128 63
In doubt whether included in last annual report:	

May 20th, 1866,	\$6 35
“ 27th, “	21 78

WILLIAM ALEXANDER, Senior Warden.

Rev. D. D. Van Antwerp resigned his charge of this Parish Feb'y 11, 1867. I entered upon my duties as Rector May 12, 1867.

W. E. SNOWDEN.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBORO'.

Rev. ROB'T B. SUTTON, Rector.

Baptisms—Adult, white 1; Infant, white 2, colored 2,	5
Catechumens—White 33, colored about 20,	53
Communicants—Number last year, white 49, colored 3; added by first Communion, 5, by removal 4; lost by death, white 2, colored 1; by removal, white 3; present number, white 53, colored 2,	55
Marriages—White,	2
Funerals—White 5, colored 1,	6
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$50 00
Bishop's salary and Contingent Fund,	40 00
Relief Fund,	20 00
Domestic Missions,	18 00
Bishop's traveling expenses,	20 00
Parochial objects,	36 88
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	\$184 88

ST. MARK'S, DEEP RIVER.

Rev. ROB'T B. SUTTON, Rector.

Baptism—White Infant,	1
Communicants—White,	11
Funeral—White,	1
Contributions for Diocesan Assessments,	\$33 35

R. B. SUTTON.

HAYWOOD, CHATHAM COUNTY.

Rev. ROB'T B. SUTTON, { Missionaries.
Rev. LUCIAN HOLMES, Deacon, }

Catechumens—White,	14
Communicants—Last reported, white 8, colored 2; added by first Communion 1; present number, white 9, col'd 2,	11
Marriage—White,	1

R. B. SUTTON.
LUCIAN HOLMES.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. R. E. TERRY, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white	21	colored	6	Adult, white	26	colored	4	57
Catechumens—White,								110
Confirmations—White,								60
Communicants—Number last year	70	added by first Communion	62					
by removal	6	lost by death	5	by transfer (col'd)				
3; present number, white,								130
Marriages—White	6	colored	5					11
Funerals—White	13	colored	3					16

This young Parish is now out of debt; the deeds to the property have been secured, and on the seventeenth day of May, instant, the Church edifice, one of the most beautiful in the South, was consecrated. Beside other improvements, the Vestry and congregation have erected, in the organ-house, a large new Organ; the ladies have placed at the main door a handsome octagonal Font; and a member of the Parish, by her own earnings, has built, at a cost of several hundred dollars, and presented to the Church, a rich wine-glass Pulpit.

About a year since the full Choral service was first introduced into this Parish. It is now sung by near one hundred choristers—all Catechumens, and the rapid growth of the congregation betokens the favor with which it is regarded.

To his beloved flock, and especially to his large-hearted Vestry, the Rector is indebted for many kindnesses personally, as well as for sympathy and co-operation in his work in the service of souls.

R. E. TERRY.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, LEAKSVILLE.

Rev. P. D. THOMPSON, Rector.

I entered upon my duties as Rector of this Parish on the first Sunday in November last, before which time the Church had been without a Rector for twelve months.

There have been no Baptisms during my incumbency. The Register shows 32 Communicants still resident in the Parish. There are six candidates for confirmation.

Marriages—Colored,	4
Burials—White Adult 1, colored Infant 1,	2
Sunday School Scholars, about	20
Communion Alms,	\$10 00

P. D. THOMPSON.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CLINTON.

Rev. JOHN H. TILLINGHAST, late Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white	7	colored	6	Adult, white	1	colored	2	16
Burials,								3
Marriage—Colored,								1
Resident Communicants—White	37	colored	3					40
Amount of contributions to Bishop's salary,								\$15 00

This report dates from the Convention of 1866 till the following 25th day of February, at which time the Parish lost its Rector by resignation.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

Rev. JOHN H. TILLINGHAST, Rector

Official acts performed since March 15, 1867:

Baptisms—Infant,	5
Marriage,	1
Funerals,	4

Official acts of Rev. Thos. G. Haughton, previous to the above date, for the past Conventional year:

Baptisms—Infant.	3
Funerals.	3
Contributions—Amount assessed,	\$130 00
Communicants at present time—White 63, colored 3.	66

The present Rector entered on his official duties in March last, and is gratified to report the Parish in a hopeful and apparently flourishing condition.

JOHN H. TILLINGHAST.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

Rev. MAURICE H. VAUGHAN, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 8, colored 1,	9
Communicants,	71
Marriages—White 1, colored 9,	10
Funerals—White 4, colored 4,	8
Sunday School Teachers,	8
“ “ Scholars—White 79, colored 125.	204
Contributions—Parochial objects,	\$249 80
Bishop's salary and Contingent fund.	40 00
Diocesan Missions,	50 00
Relief Fund.	20 00
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	\$359 80

We ever pray that God will be with us to bless and encourage us in our humble efforts to extend His kingdom.

M. H. VAUGHAN.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. ALFRED A. WATSON, Rector.

Rev. GEORGE PATTERSON, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—Infant, white 37, colored 8; Adult, white 8, colored 2.	55
Confirmations—White 23, colored 1.	24
Communicants.	325
Marriages—White 5, colored 2.	7
Funerals—White 24, colored 4,	28
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$350 00
Bishop's salary,	300 00
Relief Fund,	133 63
Education Fund,	108 80
Parochial objects,	2375 66

Other objects,	1476 94
	<u>\$4745 02</u>

The contributions above reported are in addition to the pew-rents. Another class is ready for confirmation.

ALFRED A. WATSON.
GEO. PATTERSON.

*Report of Rev. George B. Wetmore, Rector of Christ Church,
Rowan County, and other Parishes.*

CHRIST CHURCH, ROWAN.

Baptisms—White Infant 3; colored Adult 1, Infant 5.	9
Communicants—Number reported last year, white 72, colored 15: lost by removal, white 5, by death, white 5; present number, white 62, colored (on record but scattered) 15.	77
Marriages—White,	2
Funerals—White.	5
Contributions—Bishop's salary.	\$6 55
Diocesan Missions.	8 35
Relief Fund,	3 03
Domestic and Foreign Missions.	5 50
	<u>\$23 43</u>

ST. ANDREW'S, ROWAN.

Baptism—White Infant.	1
Communicants—Reported last year, white 27, colored 4; lost by death, colored 1, by removal, colored 1; present number, white 27, colored (on record) 3.	30
Marriages—White.	2
Funerals—White,	2
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$3 80
Diocesan Missions,	3 85
Relief Fund,	4 33
Domestic and Foreign Missions,	2 50
	<u>\$14 48</u>

ST. JAMES'S, IREDELL.

Baptisms—White Infant.	4
Communicants—Last year, white 51, colored (on record but scattered) 11; lost by suspension, white 1.	61
Funeral—White,	1
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$5 45

CHURCH OF THE REDEMPTION, LEXINGTON.

Baptism—White Infant.	1
Communicants—White,	6
Contributions—Bishop's salary.	\$6 25

Diocesan Missions,	3 20
Relief Fund,	5 00
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	\$14 45

Services discontinued.

HUNTSVILLE.

Communicants—Last reported, white,	11
Services held occasionally.	

ST. PHILIP'S, MOCKSVILLE.

Communicants—Last reported, white 6, colored 1,	7
Marriage—White,	1
Services not yet resumed.	

Services have been held occasionally at other points, both for white and colored congregations. At the latter,

Baptisms—Colored Adult 10, Infant 12,	22
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GEO. B. WETMORE.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, LINCOLNTON.

Rev. W. R. WETMORE, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 5; colored, Adult 1, Infant 5,	11
Sunday School Scholars—White 30, colored 30,	60
Communicants—White 40, colored 13,	53
Funerals—White 4, colored 1,	5
Contributions—Towards Assessment,	\$35 00
Parochial objects,	62 70
Domestic Missions,	2 53
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	\$100 23

The number of my Communicants has been diminished during the year by death and removals, and I feel that I ought to say here, that of the number reported, some are neglecting the Holy Communion, and yet I do not know that they should be dropped from the list under the Canon.

I have preached several times at Shelby, and baptized 3 white Infants there. Two of the Communicants at this place are about to remove, and the only remaining one may leave the Parish before long.

I have held a number of services at the High Shoals, in Gaston County, for a congregation composed chiefly of blacks. There is a school here for the colored people, conducted by some ladies, and the prospect seems fair that ere long a Chapel will be erected at this point.

W. R. WETMORE.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

Communicants—White 27, colored 2,	29
Baptisms—Infant 1, Adult 1,	2
Confirmation,	1

We have been without a Minister for nearly two years. The Parish is much impoverished, and unable this year to make up its Assessment.

L. S. WEBB, ¹ Wardens.
T. WILSON, ²

COLLECTIONS MADE AT VISITATIONS OF THE BISHOP, FOR DIOCE-
SAN MISSIONS.

1867,

Jan'y 27. Christ Church, Raleigh.....	\$34 83
March 6. Goldsboro',.....	2 80
" 8. Kinston,.....	3 50
" 10. Christ Church, Newbern,.....	75 00
" 15. Pugh's Chapel,.....	13 70
" 17. Washington,	30 00
" 18. Trinity Church, Beaufort County,.....	10 27
" 31. From two Brothers,.....	10 00
April 3. Edenton,.....	38 19
" 5. Hertford,.....	13 00
" 7. Elizabeth City,.....	40 01
" 10. St. Peter's, Gates County,.....	3 50
" 11. Gatesville,.....	15 45
" 14. Windsor,.....	12 50
" 15. Woodville,.....	13 60

	\$316 35

AMOUNT EXPENDED.

1867,

March 13. To Rev. P. D. Thompson,.....	\$100 00
" 18. To Rev. N. C. Hughes,.....	50 27
April 7. To Rev. W. E. Snowden,.....	50 00

	\$200 27
Balance,.....	\$116 08

COLLECTIONS FOR PRAYER BOOKS.

March 24. Trinity Church, Beaufort County,.....	\$5 00
" 25. Zion Church, Beaufort County,.....	4 25
" 27. Plymouth,.....	3 50
" 28. St. Luke's, Washington County,.....	5 35
" 31. St. David's, "	22 25
April 18. Jackson,.....	10 13
" 28. Greenville,.....	15 00

	\$65 48

DR. *Fund for the support of the Episcopate and Contingent*

1866.

May 31.	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Thomas Atkinson,	\$370 00
June 1.	Ditto Rev H H Prout, traveling expenses to Conv.,	\$10 00
	Ditto Rev S C Roberts,	22 00
	Ditto Rev W E Snowden,	22 00
	Ditto Rev R B Sutton,	15 00
	Ditto Rev G B Wetmore.	11 75
	Ditto Rev S S Barber,	12 00
	Ditto Rev Israel Harding,	2 50
	Ditto Rev M M Marshall.	20 00
	Ditto Rev W R Wetmore,	13 00
	Ditto Rev M H Vaughan,	13 00
	Ditto Rev Jarvis Buxton,	40 00
	Ditto Rev N C Hughes.	2 00
	Ditto Rev Luther Eborn.	10 00
	Ditto Rev T B Haughton,	21 00
	Ditto Rev F W Hilliard.	15 00
	Ditto Rev E W Gilliam.	28 00
	Ditto Rev H A Skinner,	21 50
	Ditto W N Tillinghast, Sec'y.	17 00
		296 75
2.	Ditto Rt Rev Thomas Atkinson.	56 74
5.	Ditto " " "	310 00
18.	Ditto Rev F M Hubbard, traveling expenses to Convention,	10 00
Aug. 14.	Ditto printing Journals of Convention of 1866,	225 00
15.	Ditto Rev M A Curtis, expenses to meeting University,	50 00
Nov. 1.	Ditto Postage Stamps,	1 00
6.	Ditto Herman Cope, Treas'r Gen. Convention, extra ass.,	41 25
	Ditto binding and distributing Journals of Conv. of 1866,	53 35
1867.		
April 26.	Ditto Rt Rev Thomas Atkinson,	100 00
	Ditto distributing Journals of General Convention.	17 48
1866.		
June 1.	Ditto Rev C T Bland, expenses to Convention,	10 00
	Ditto Rev F M Hubbard, expenses to Gen'l Convention.	65 00
		\$1,606 57
	To balance down,	\$79 43

Expenses of Convention, in account with Treasurer.

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1866,			
May 31.	By balance on hand,		\$6 00
	By cash from St Mary's, Orange County,	\$5 00	
	Ditto St John's, Fayetteville,	100 00	
	Ditto St John's, Durham's Creek,	5 00	
	Ditto Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill,	20 00	
	Ditto St John's, Pitt County,	10 00	
	Ditto Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.	82 00	
	Ditto St Paul's, Clinton.	15 00	
	Ditto St Paul's, Edenton,	60 00	
	Ditto Calvary Church, Tarboro',	70 00	
	Ditto Grace Church, Morganton,	15 00	
	Ditto Christ Church, Rowan,	6 00	
	Ditto St Andrew's, Rowan,	5 00	
	Ditto St James's, Iredell County,	2 90	
	Ditto Redemption, Lexington.	3 75	
June 1.			399 65
	Ditto Holy Trinity, Hertford,	\$25 00	
	Ditto Calvary, Wadesboro',	9 00	
	Ditto St Stephen's, Oxford,	30 00	
	Ditto Christ Church, Elizabeth City,	40 00	
	Ditto St Stephen's, Goldsboro',	25 00	
	Ditto St Mark's, Deep River,	5 00	
2.	Ditto Trinity, Beaufort County,	\$13 00	134 00
	Ditto Holy Innocents, Henderson, (1865,)	3 00	
	Ditto " " (1866,)	25 00	
	Ditto St James's, Wilmington,	350 00	
	Ditto St Luke's, Salisbury,	60 00	
	Ditto Christ Church, Newbern,	110 00	
	Ditto St Mary's, Gatesville,	5 00	
			566 00
	Ditto St Luke's, Salisbury,	\$80 00	
	Ditto St Matthew's, Hillsboro.	20 00	
6.	Ditto N C Bank Notes, from former Treasurer, sold,		100 00
July 29.	Ditto Christ Church, Rowan,	\$4 05	2 75
	Ditto St Andrew's, Rowan County,	80	
	Ditto Redemption, Lexington.	6 25	
Oct. 29.	Ditto St Matthew's, Hillsboro',		11 10
Nov. 22.	Ditto St Mary's School, Raleigh,		50 00
Dec. 29.	Ditto Calvary, Tarboro',		20 00
1867.	Ditto Trinity, Scotland Neck,		20 00
Jan. 14.	Ditto St Paul's, Edenton,		20 50
29.	Ditto St James's, Rowan,		80 00
30.	Ditto St Luke's, Lincolnton.		2 64
Feb. 17.	Ditto St Paul's, Edenton,		15 00
April 26.	By balance down.		100 00
			79 43
			\$1,606 57

Dr.

Missionary Fund for Current Pur-

1866,

June 1.	To cash paid Rev T B Haughton,	\$50 00
	Ditto Rev S S Barber,	50 00
	Ditto Rev. Luther Eborn,	50 00
	Ditto Rev M M Marshall,	50 00
	Ditto Rev D D Van Antwerp,	50 00
	Ditto Rev G B Wetmore,	50 00
	Ditto Rev Israel Harding,	50 00
	Ditto Rev R B Sutton,	50 00
	Ditto Rev Jarvis Buxton,	50 00
	Ditto Rev S W Kennerly,	50 00
	Ditto Rev N C Hughes,	50 00
	Ditto Rev W R Wetmore,	50 00
	Ditto Rev W E Snowden,	50 00
	Ditto Rev H H Prout,	50 00
	Ditto Rev H A Skinner,	50 00
	Ditto Rev G W Phelps,	50 00
	Ditto Rev S C Roberts,	50 00
	Ditto Rev C T Bland,	50 00
Aug. 4.		<hr/>
	Ditto Rev J H Tillinghast,	\$900 00
	Ditto Rev J J Ridley, D.D.,	50 00
	Ditto Rev A A Benton,	50 00
	Ditto Rev R W Barber,	50 00
	Ditto Rev E W Gilliam,	50 00
14.		<hr/>
	Ditto Rev H H Prout,	\$50 00
	Ditto Rev N C Hughes,	50 00
	Ditto Rev R B Sutton,	50 00
	Ditto Rev Jarvis Buxton,	50 00
	Ditto Rev G B Wetmore,	50 00
Oct. 24.	Ditto Rev S S Barber,	<hr/> 250 00
29.	Ditto Rev W R Wetmore,	100 00
1867,		25 00
Feb. 1.	Ditto Rev Jarvis Buxton,	\$50 00
	Ditto Rev C T Bland,	50 00
	Ditto Rev J H Tillinghast,	50 00
	Ditto Rev G B Wetmore,	50 00
	Ditto Rev W E Snowden,	50 00
	Ditto Rev W R Wetmore,	50 00
	Ditto Rev A A Benton,	50 00
	Ditto Rev N C Hughes,	50 00
	Ditto Rev Israel Harding,	50 00
	Ditto Rev Luther Eborn,	50 00
	Ditto Rev S S Barber,	50 00
	Ditto Rev M M Marshall,	50 00
	Ditto Rev S C Roberts,	50 00
		<hr/> 650 00
To balance down,		112 24
		<hr/> \$2,287 24

poses, in account with Treasurer.

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1866,	By balance on hand,		\$534 15
May 30.	By cash from St Mary's, Orange County,	\$10 00	
	Ditto St Matthew's, Hillsboro',	60 00	
	Ditto St Luke's, Lincolnton,	1 85	
	Ditto St John's, Williamsboro',	15 00	
	Ditto St John's, Durham's Creek,	15 00	
	Ditto Zion Chapel, Beaufort County,	2 20	
	Ditto Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill,	25 00	
	Ditto St John's, Pitt County,	15 00	
			144 05
June 1.	Ditto Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	\$75 00	
	Ditto St Paul's, Clinton,	20 00	
	Ditto St Paul's, Edenton,	60 00	
	Ditto Grace Church, Morganton,	20 00	
	Ditto Christ Church, Rowan,	5 00	
	Ditto St Andrew's, Rowan,	5 00	
	Ditto St Stephen's, Oxford,	30 00	
	Ditto Christ Church, Raleigh,	75 00	
	Ditto Christ Church, Elizabeth City,	50 00	
	Ditto St Stephen's, Goldsboro',	30 00	
	Ditto St Thomas's, Bath,	4 00	
			374 00
2.	Ditto St Bartholomew's, Pittsboro',	\$50 00	
	Ditto St Mark's, Deep River,	20 00	
	Ditto St James's, Lenoir,	1 75	
	Ditto Trinity, Beaufort County,	19 00	
	Ditto Holy Innocents, Henderson, (1865,)	3 00	
	Ditto " " (1866,)	17 15	
	Ditto St James's, Wilmington,	300 00	
	Ditto Christ Church, Newbern,	100 00	
	Ditto St Luke's, Salisbury,	50 00	
			560 90
3.	Ditto Convention collection, Christ Church, Newbern,	104 60	
Mar. 14.	Ditto collection by Bishop—		
	Pittsboro',	\$20 00	
April 25.	Jackson,	13 59	
May 13.	Goldsboro',	23 15	
			56 74
June 5.	Ditto St Mary's, Gatesville,	\$12 00	
	Ditto St Peter's, Charlotte,	30 00	
			42 00
July 19.	Ditto Redemption, Lexington,		3 20
25.	Ditto St Paul's, Greenville,	\$10 00	
	Ditto Rev M A Curtis, donation,	25 00	
			35 00
Oct. 23.	Ditto Rev J L Gay, Canada, (donation,)	\$100 00	
	Ditto St Matthew's, Hillsboro',	50 00	
			150 00
Nov. 22.	Ditto St Mary's School, Raleigh,	45 09	
Dec. 29.	Ditto Calvary, Tarboro',	60 00	
1867,			
Jan. 14.	Ditto Trinity, Scotland Neck,	80 00	
Mar. 15.	Ditto St Luke's, Lincolnton,	5 00	
April 7.	Ditto Holy Innocents, Henderson,	27 60	
26.	Ditto St Paul's, Edenton,	50 00	
29.	Ditto St Mary's School, Raleigh,	15 00	
			\$2,287 24
May 1.	By balance,		\$112 24

Dr. *Relief Fund for disabled Clergy, Widows*

1866,			
June 1.	To Mrs C E Wiley, Ditto Mrs Johnston.	\$50 00 50 00	
Aug. 14.	Ditto Mrs C Benton,	\$100 00	50 00
Oct. 6.	Ditto Mrs M M Castleman.	50 00	
22.	Ditto Mrs C E Wiley.	50 00	
May 1.	To balance,	233 37	
			\$483 37

and Orphans, in account with Treasurer.

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1866,	By balance on hand,		
May 31.	By cash from St Mary's, Orange County,	\$5 00	\$150 00
	Ditto St John's, Fayetteville,	50 00	
	Ditto Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill,	10 00	
	Ditto St John's, Pitt County,	5 00	
	Ditto St Paul's, Clinton,	5 00	
	Ditto Calvary Church, Tarboro',	20 00	
	Ditto Grace Church, Morganton,	5 00	
	Ditto Christ Church, Rowan,	2 25	
	Ditto St Andrew's, Rowan County,	2 55	
			104 80
June 1.	Ditto St Stephen's, Oxford,	\$7 50	
	Ditto Christ Church, Elizabeth City,	20 00	
	Ditto St Stephen's, Goldsboro',	10 00	
	Ditto St Bartholomew's, Pittsboro',	20 00	
			57 50
2.	Ditto Trinity, Beaufort County,	5 00	
	Ditto Holy Innocents, Henderson, 1865,	3 75	
	Ditto " " 1866,	3 50	
	Ditto St James's, Wilmington,	106 46	
	Ditto St Luke's, Salisbury,	20 00	
			138 71
July 29.	Ditto Redemption, Lexington,		5 00
1867,			
Jan. 30.	Ditto Christ Church, Rowan County,	\$3 03	
	Ditto St Andrew's, "	4 33	
			7 36
April 29.	Ditto St Mary's School, Raleigh,		20 00
			483 37
May 1.	By balance.		233 37

Education Fund in account with Treasurer.

1866,			
June 3.	By cash from Grace Church, Morganton,		\$2 00
4.	By collection at Convention, Christ Church, Newbern,		26 00

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS, 1867.

PARISHES AND LOCATION.

- ||L. Holmes,
Haywood,

Holy Innocents, Henderson,	J. W. Murphy,	10 00
St. James's, Hendersonville,	G. M. Everhart,	52 50
Calvary, Henderson County,	"	
St. John's in Wilderness, Henderson Co.		225 00
Holy Trinity, Hertford,		
St. Matthew's, Hillsboro',	M. A. Curtis,	
Hyde County,	S. S. Barber,	
Huntingville,	G. B. Wetmore,	
St. James's, Iredell County,	"	
Saviour, Jackson,		
St. Mary's, Kinston,	P. D. Thompson,	
St. James's, Kittrell's,	S. C. Roberts,	
Epiphany, Leaksville,	G. B. Wetmore,	
St. James's, Lenoir,	W. B. Wetmore,	
Redemption, Lexington,	J. J. Ridley,	
St. Lukes, Lincolnton,	G. B. Wetmore,	
St. Paul's, Louisburg,		
St. Philip's, Mocksville,		
Grace, Morganton,	E. M. Forbes,	
St. Barnabas, Murfreesboro',	H. A. Skinner,	
Christ Church, Newbern,	M. A. Curtis,	
Mission to Negroes, "	M. H. Vaughan,	
St. Mary's, Orange County,	S. W. Kennerly,	
St. Stephen's, Oxford,	R. B. Sutton,	
St. John's, Pitt County,	T. B. Haughton,	
St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro',	R. S. Mason,	
Grace, Plymouth,	A. Smedes,	
Christ Church, Raleigh,	J. C. Huske,	
St. Mary's School, "	G. B. Wetmore,	
Christ Church, Rockfish,	"	
Christ Church, Rowan County,		
St. Andrew's, "		
St. John's, Rutherfordton,		
St. Luke's, Salisbury,	J. H. Tillinghast,	8 00
Trinity, Scotland Neck,	J. B. Cheshire,	5 00
St. David's, Scuppernong,	G. W. Phelps,	2 00

NOTE.—The Assessment on each Parish, for the Bishop's salary and Contingent expenses of the Convention, is \$2 for each Communicant. A monthly collection must be made in each Parish for Diocesan Missions.

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR 1867-68.

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Rev. M. M. MARSHALL.	

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WILLIAM H. BATTLE.	

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W. N. TILLINGHAST, Fayetteville, Sec'y of the Convention.

¶ The Fifty-Second Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North Carolina will meet in CALVARY CHURCH, TARBORO', on the First Wednesday in May 1868.
